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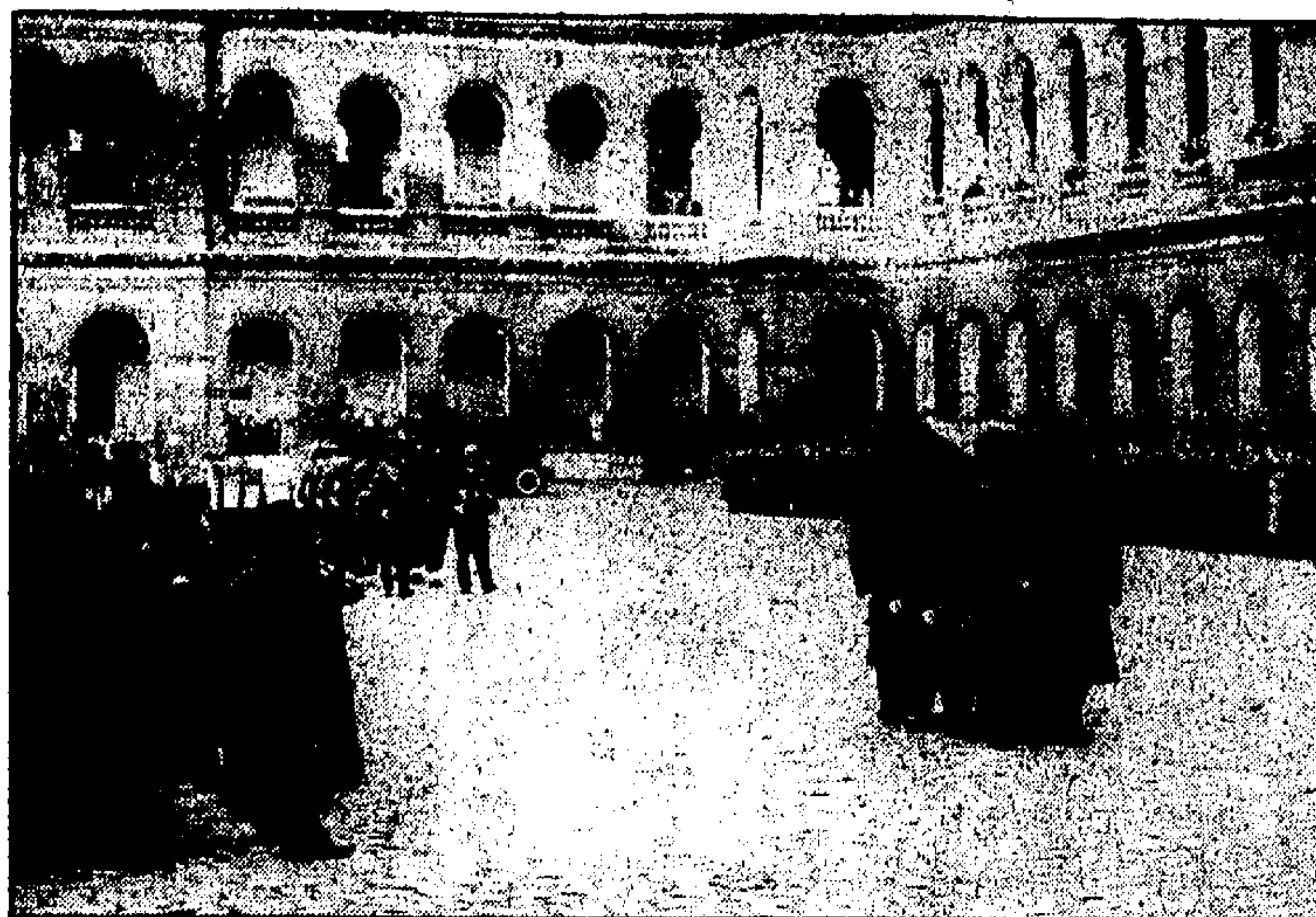
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Great Soldier Passes



Military honours for the late Marshal Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, one of France's most brilliant soldiers, were solemnly accorded in Paris this week. Our picture shows the coffin being borne to the Invalides as a Guard of Honour presents arms. Later, the Marshal was buried in his native village, where his son, Lieutenant Bernard de Lattre, also reposes. (France-Press).

CHURCHILL CONCESSION IN LAST TALK WITH TRUMAN

American Admiral To Head Atlantic Naval Forces

Washington, Jan. 18.

Mr Winston Churchill today yielded to the appointment of an American as Supreme Allied Naval Commander in Atlantic waters, but won a promise of a million tons of scarce steel for Britain.

Mr Churchill's acceptance of an American to head the North Atlantic treaty naval forces came as something of a surprise concession during his farewell conference with President Truman at the White House.

Navy quarters said the most logical choice as the new "Seagoing Eisenhower" would be Admiral Lynde D. McCormick, now Commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

A Navy spokesman said an official announcement could not be made until certain formalities have been completed. Admiral McCormick served in the Atlantic and the Pacific during World War II.

Under today's agreement, announced in a joint communique by President Truman and Mr Churchill, the British will inform the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) of their willingness to allow the appointment of an American admiral.

IN ABEYANCE
Agreement of the NATO Command was reached last year, but was held in abeyance because of Mr Churchill's opposition.

At that time, the United States had recommended Admiral William M. Fechteler, then Atlantic Fleet Commander, for the post.

However, with the death of Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Admiral Fechteler stepped in to succeed him as Chief of Naval Operations.

British leaders had balked at the selection of an American, contending that Britain's traditional "Rule Britannia" naval prestige pointed to the appointment of a Briton.

It was also argued, in London, that through long experience, British sea commanders were better qualified to protect the supply lines to Britain and Europe against submarine warfare.

During the last war, there was no Supreme Command over American and British forces. On Trans-Atlantic convoy trips, American warships escorted the convoy part way across the Atlantic and then transferred the protective task to British naval forces. It was understood the British wanted to revive the wartime procedure, with no supreme sea chief.

BRITISH CONTROL
Today's communique indicated that Britain's naval control will be extended somewhat from her immediate coastal waters to deeper water.

The announcement said it was planned "to extend the United Kingdom's command to the 100 fathom line," that is to where the water is 600 feet deep.

The 100 fathom curve extends from 30 miles off the southwest tip of Ireland to more than 200 miles off other points in the British Isles.

The communique also made it clear that in yielding on the point of an American Naval Commander, Mr Churchill did not withdraw his original objections completely.

It said the Prime Minister "reserved the right to bring forward modifications for the consideration of NATO, if he so desired, at a later stage." — Associated Press.

Shift In Korea Truce Policy Possible

Musan, Jan. 18.

The possibility of a shift in the armistice policy of the United Nations was seen today following high-level strategy conferences in the Allied apple orchard camp.

Censorship forbade the giving of any details of the policy huddle but the dreary deadlock at Panmunjom has dragged along for nearly three weeks and there was speculation that something must give soon.

The Communists showed no signs today of giving ground on two basic issues holding up a speedy Korean armistice.

These issues are:
1.—The United Nations' insistence on a ban on the reconstruction and rehabilitation of armistice.
2.—The United Nations' insistence on the principle of giving war prisoners the right to choose whether they will return to their homeland or seek refuge in the land of their captors.

The Reds continued to insist that a ban on armistice reconstruction would violate their "sovereign rights."

The United Nations has virtually shown the communists how the deadlock on this key armistice supervision issue can be broken. The Allies all but said that they would accept a pledge by the Reds not to build up their air power during the armistice. — United Press.

Khartoum, Jan. 18.
Five hundred demonstrators were dispersed by smoke bombs on Thursday at Kachala, near the Eritrean border, during a visit by the British Governor-General, Sir Robert George Howe.

Sixteen persons were arrested, including the headmaster of a local school, who was charged with inciting to riot. — United Press.

Streamlining Atlantic Treaty Organisation

Paris, Jan. 18.

Next month's Lisbon meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation will probably lead to the replacement of several NATO agencies by a single, high-level group, usually reliable sources said today.

These sources forecast the abolition of the Council of Deputies, the Defence Production Board and the Finance and Economics Board.

The new permanent group to take their place would probably have its headquarters in or near Paris so as to be near the Supreme Allied Headquarters, the Mutual Security Agency, and the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

Key post in the new structure will go to a Secretary-General—a "political Eisenhower"—who will head a consolidated international staff of experts capable of handling defence, production and political problems now dealt with by separate staffs in Paris, London and Washington.

A European is regarded as a likely candidate for the key secretarial post.

The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr Dirk Stikker, Belgium's Mr Paul Henri Spaak, and France's Mr Herve Alphand are mentioned as possible choices.

AMERICAN'S PROSPECT
The Paris paper Le Monde speculated today on an American's prospect for the post.

It said, "It could be Averell Harriman, William Draper (special U.S. representative in Europe for the Mutual Security Agency) or, if he allows himself to be persuaded, the former Marshall Plan administrator Paul Hoffman."

Higher level representation than at present on the Council of Deputies is also anticipated on the permanent body.

The idea behind this is to speed government action.

The O.E.E.C.'s Governing Council, through ministerial representation, has been notably successful in translating decisions into national policies. — Reuter.

France Cool On Churchill Suggestion

Paris, Jan. 18.

Sources close to the Government said today that France was reacting "very coolly" to the British Premier, Mr Winston Churchill's call for token forces from other nations to take their stand with British troops along the Suez Canal.

They were sure that Mr Churchill's move would not succeed, and said that Mr Churchill's request was not in line with British Foreign Office policy.

They said that it was part of an anticipated trend that once Mr Churchill came to power he would push a foreign policy all his own. — United Press.

Scotland Under Snow Blanket

Glasgow, Jan. 18.

Bus services ran under great difficulties, including ice and snow drifts, between Glasgow and Carlisle today. Road traffic was operated under the most difficult conditions throughout the country.

The village of Chapelton, near Glasgow, was snowed out by radio-cast snow ploughs. — Reuter.

Cairo Cabaret Attacks

Cairo, Jan. 18.

The Police proclaimed a state of emergency throughout Egypt today to block further attacks on cabarets, bars and restaurants by gangs who believe that pleasure should be banned during the Anglo-Egyptian crisis.

The move is also designed to head off any violence as groups went home from prayers on this Muslim Sabbath day.

No incidents have been reported. Police patrolling near drinking and dining establishments were ordered to carry arms after gang attacks had virtually emptied the city's pleasure spots. — United Press.

Not Happy In Queer Street

Brisbane, Jan. 18.

Residents of Queer Street, Bardon, a Brisbane suburb, have petitioned the City Council asking for the street's name to be changed to Glenora Street. Queer Street is near Government House. — Reuter.

Barter Plan For Scarce Materials

London, Jan. 18.

The United States will sell to Britain 1,000,000 tons of steel under the agreement to barter scarce metals made by the Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, and President Truman, in Washington, it was officially announced here tonight.

In return for the steel, which is to be supplied in 1952, Britain will make available to the United States 55,100,000 lbs. of aluminium and sell her 20,000 long tons of tin at \$1.18 a pound.

The announcement, issued from the Prime Minister's official residence at No. 10 Downing Street, said that the United States had agreed to replace the aluminium equivalent to about 10 per cent of the total United Kingdom annual supply by the middle of 1953.

It was expected that much of the United States aluminium expansion programme would be in operation by that time. The 55,100,000 lbs. of aluminium is to be supplied in 1952.

an increase of 39,000,000 lbs. over the amount recently agreed upon by the two countries.

The announcement said that the British supplies would enable the United States to meet to a larger extent its essential tin-plate requirements and improve its aluminium allocations to defence and civilian industries.

The announcement said that both countries would continue to use their best efforts to expand and accelerate their programmes for increasing the production of scarce materials both at home and overseas. — Reuter.

Carlsen Takes 'Xmas' Dinner

Woodbridge, New Jersey, Jan. 18.

Captain Kurt Carlsen, of the Flying Enterprise, celebrated a delayed Christmas with his family here today—protected by a police guard from the public.

But his public appearances have not yet ended. Tomorrow he will be feted by the people of this town who plan an hour-long parade through the streets.

Then he can return to his normal privacy, but with a lasting memento of his ordeal in the Atlantic: his address will not be 65 Alway Avenue but 65 Carlsen Avenue. — Reuter.

Malaya's New Police Chief

London, Jan. 18.

Colonel Arthur Edward Young, 44-year-old City of London Police Commissioner, has been asked to take command of the Malaya Federation police force in succession to W. N. Gray, whose resignation was announced earlier this week.

A Colonial Office spokesman said the British Government's request for Young's appointment will be considered by the City of London Court Common Council on January 24. If the City of London agree to Young's release, it is expected that he will fly to Malaya early in February. — United Press.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Squatter Re-Settlement

AS with perhaps too many official enterprises within the Colony of Hongkong, little can be found that is seriously wrong with the suddenly announced scheme for large-scale squatter re-settlement except from the angle that a realistic approach to the problem might have been manifested long ago. Several factors have operated against speed of action—the essential survey was not undertaken until twelve months ago and the sudden loss of the individual selected to undertake the responsibility later threw Government out of its stride. For these reasons, criticism cannot be too severe; rather we should congratulate ourselves that all the preliminaries may now be regarded as completed and practical work is at last getting under way. It promises to be a costly business, with the official estimate in the region of \$4,000,000, but there can be no quarrel with the need and the assumption is fair that the expenditure could very well be far less than might be easily involved by perpetuation of sore points—the present unhealthy menacing conditions in so many of the camps. Government, too, is to be credited with thinking the problem through systematically. Provision has been made to meet all the objections that could be foreseen, before they arise. There is,

for instance, no intention to rush the transfers. Resettlement will proceed, step by step, as development work in the selected areas progresses. No squatter will find himself evicted arbitrarily from his present place of abode without an alternative site offering sounder and more sanitary conditions. He will get security of residence—unless he flagrantly transgresses what are quite moderate regulations—and the chances of the disastrous fires largely responsible for compelling Government action will be reduced to a minimum. Notable feature of the over-all plan, too, is the method devised of dividing the re-settlement scheme into two, one part contemplating the creation of something akin to permanent housing estates for those capable of contributing largely to the cost of new premises, and the other designed to bring the semi-permanents into properly controlled areas. In process, numerous squatter eyesores, dangerous not only to the occupants but also to the community at large, will finally disappear. It is clear enough that a scheme involving more than 300,000 persons cannot be pushed to success overnight, nor yet in six months, but the conception has been first-class and needs no Government apologies. What should be looked for is energy.

The Woman In Love

IF it's love that makes the world go round, no subject under the sun is surely more worthy of investigation, and it is interesting to study the recent discourse of Dr F. E. England, a lecturer in philosophy and psychology. He tells us that it doesn't really matter very much to a woman whom she marries—so long as he is a decent sort of chap and happens to come along at the right time—because her main aim is to produce a family, and a husband is of some passing consequence to that

end. After the mother has got rid of her flock, says Dr England, she may begin to take notice of the man she married—when he is about 50. This is a singularly depressing doctrine for mankind, and, on reflection, perhaps an unintended warning to women. For if men matter so little, are they not entitled, poor souls, to some sympathy if they go so long and find their club attractive? Perhaps we should hesitate to pursue this matter.

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BATTLING CHAPLIN

By Dilys Powell

Years ago, when the word Russia could still be uttered in a drawing-room without bringing a flush to anyone's cheeks, I once heard Charlie Chaplin talking about the USSR.

He spoke with eloquence and authority, seated round the tea-table, the company sat and listened. His play worked up to a peroration full of enthusiasm for the Bolshevik system; then he stopped suddenly, there was a long respectful hush; until at last Lytton Strachey raised his head and said in a piercing squeak: "It may be all right but... (very mournfully) 'I shouldn't like it at all!'"

I am reminded of this by the appearance of a new study of Chaplin, "The Little Fellow," by Peter Cotes and Thelma Niklaus (Elek, illustrated, 15s.). Perhaps study is too pompous a word for this affectionate account of the actor's career, it is a book which I have enjoyed reading, but it is not a book for reference; it is an instance of a writer who, though the films find them in far greater detail in Theodore Huff's "Index to the Films of Charles Chaplin" (one of an indispensable series published by the British Film Institute). All the same, "The Little Fellow" combines a reasonable amount of fact about Chaplin's work with a biography which, though rather gossipy in tone, tells us a good deal about the early life and gives what I am inclined to think is an accurate impression of the enigmatic personality.

For Chaplin, like all men of genius, is far from being a simple character. The book describes his childhood in the squalid corner of London where he and his brother Sydney lived with his widowed mother, a former music-hall singer running wild in the streets, selling newspapers, for a time during his mother's illness living in an institution for homeless children. The early private years remain, understandably, confused and obscure. But Chaplin's professional life on the stage began early, and with it the ascertainment of facts; engagement with a troupe of clog dancers called the Eight Lancashire Lads ("by the time he was eight years old he was already a veteran of the troupe"); a part as Billy the office boy in "Sherlock Holmes"; an appearance in the first performance of "Peter Pan" (as one of the wolves).

Most people know that he came by his training as a comedian with Fred Karno, but many will be surprised by Karno's first report on the boy: "a pale, puny, sullen-looking youngster. I must say that when I first saw him, I thought he looked much too shy to do any good in the theatre, particularly in the knockabout comedies that were my speciality." At seventeen years old he wasn't very likeable, said Karno.

Anybody who has ever met him will surely agree that success has turned the unsociable boy who "lived like a monk and put most of his salary away in the bank as soon as he got it" into a man of extraordinary charm; certainly a man who has shaken off his diffidence: a Hollywood friend of mine told me a few years ago that Chaplin not only liked talking about his own films, he would insist on acting the story right through in great detail, playing every part himself. But he remains a moody creature, subject to fits of tenacious sadness. It is the contrast between the brilliant, famous Chaplin and the melancholy solitary to whom he sometimes reverts that gives Mr. Cotes's and Miss Niklaus's book its theme.

The authors say that the early poverty which accounts for the contradictory character of the man made him an enemy of modern society, and that he had been attacking society in his films ever since, from the first slapstick picture down to "Monsieur Verdoux." The theory fits neatly enough as far as it goes; and while Chaplin has attacked society, society has certainly hit back at him. He has been adored, but he has also been detested; detested for the luxuriance of his matrimonial and extra-matrimonial affairs, detested for the political

Do you recall that sudden unloading of British contract stars—and starlets—during the big film depression a year ago? It seemed as if the screen's one-time glamour queens were facing the rigours of unemployment.

Cinemagoers could have spared their tears. These stars—even some of the starlets—are tough fighters beneath the glamour, and they have been doing very nicely for themselves.

Margaret Lockwood has had a non-stop (and highly profitable) stage tour for the past six months, soon begins work on a Herbert Wilcox film of that classic thriller, Trent's Last Case.

Phyllis Calvert is in continual demand as a free-lance, can now pick and choose her subjects: 21-year-old Diana Dors last-laughed off that "Charm School" label by landing a Hollywood contract.

But it is Jean Kent—last Rank star out of Denham Studios—who takes the prize for lucrative "independence."

All 1951 was taken up for her by tours in two plays—with a comfortable share in the takings each week. And she begins 1952 by making a new film and rehearsing simultaneously for a radio play and a new stage play.

Her stage reappearance will be in "The Moonraker," a romance about Roundhead Cavalier times, first heard on the air. It opens in Cambridge on January 28, with Griffith Jones co-starring, before coming to the West End.

HER LOVE STORY
Moira Shearer, out of Sam Goldwyn's Hans Andersen film because she is expecting a baby, has now accepted that rival offer from MGM—to act and dance in "Three Love Stories."

This is a much shorter job, which is why she can take it on. Miss Shearer joins France's Leslie Caron and Italy's Pier Angeli in the new picture—possibly the screen's most attractive international trio of personalities at the moment. I can't imagine the great Sam Goldwyn, but he has long been in professional opposition.

One way, it would seem, to make money in the film business—if you are a producer—is to get shut out of a great deal. Early last year 38-year-old Raymond Stross, who had been most other things in the business, entered the field as an independent producer. He made a picture called "Hell Is Sold Out," with Richard Attenborough and Mai Zetterling, as stars, for the low sum of £80,000 or thereabouts.

When it came to a West End showing, Mr Stross was told

opinions of which the incident related at the beginning of this article gives an example.

As I say, he is not a simple character. But his very errors of flamboyance and vanity go towards the making of a great artist. When I look at the meaningless faces and read the recorded utterances of some of our contemporary stars I sometimes wonder how these vulgar simpletons can ever have taken in anybody. I do not believe that a true talent in one sphere of artistic achievement can be otherwise a nobody. On the contrary, the evidence of history goes to show that a man who is somebody in one way is somebody all round. And Chaplin is just such a man: somebody all round: an artist whose actions, even when we dislike them, mean something, and whose presence can make

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



SHOW TALK MEETS FOUR FIGHTERS



The slump victims are back in the money

by Harold CONWAY

The cinemas were full up; he must join a queue for several months. He did not think so—and the picture was sent round the country instead, without the West End (or the critics) seeing it.

To date, "Hell Is Sold Out"

is assured of a financial return at least double its cost. With the profits Stross has been able to line up an all-star cast for his second picture, "The Tall Headlines"—headed by Mai Zetterling again, plus Michael Denison, Flora Robson and Dennis Price.

And this time the once-snubbed producer does not anticipate any queuing-up for the West End.

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The Capitol Launches Out With A Blood And Thunder Film

By SUE DAWSON

With blood and thunder the maiden Capitol was launched on Thursday evening. Its newly unveiled screen flashed for the first time to 1,300 assembled people the technical adventures of that intrepid, almost legendary force: the Foreign Legion.

The choice was a good one. Columbia's latest, and one bound to appeal to all the different people who saw it that first night and on the days following. Not the well-worn Western blood and thunder, but the spell of mile upon lonely mile of sand dune, an eastern desert—East Africa, the isolated

garrison town whose multifarious Legionnaires are tied as no contract lies a human being. Desolation can only lead to recapture, death from the hands of the enemy—those nomad Riffs, or from the burning desert, parched and merciless.

INVEIGLING TITLE
"Ten Tall Men" is not an inveigling title. It sounds more like a fairy story, a sort of "Two Tame Timice" affair. This is unfortunate, for though it has a fairy story ending like most good tales of adventure—and is suitable enough for children, it is convincing, full of excitement and not completely a schoolboy's picture.

Burt Lancaster as Sergeant Mike Kincaid is very heroic

indeed: he does everything a hero should; schemes his way out of the Legion prison by promising the stony Lieutenant to defeat the band of Riffs whom he has just learnt are planning to attack the garrison; battles and defeats through ingenious means many of the enemy; stops two tribes of Riffs who had been deadly enemies from uniting over the marriage of one leader's daughter with the head of the other tribe—(which he does by galloping off with the girl, clutching first under one arm and then slung across his horse)—and then outwits the Riffs several times before getting captured and almost put to death.

AUDACIOUS STROKE
The final audacious stroke is to lift the heroine Mahla (Jody Lawrence) from under the nose of the husband-to-be while the marriage ceremony is actually going on, and to marry her himself when he and six of the ten tall men reach the garrison and a hero's welcome. Mahla is really beautiful and most spirited; riding, shooting, fighting and fainting with the best of them. Deborah Mike has a wonderful knack for pep talks and getting out of difficulties which is as it should be with a hero Legionnaire.

Verdict: A very enjoyable hour or two if you surrender to the traditional adventure story, which, sometimes secretly, appeals to the youth in everyone. And why not?

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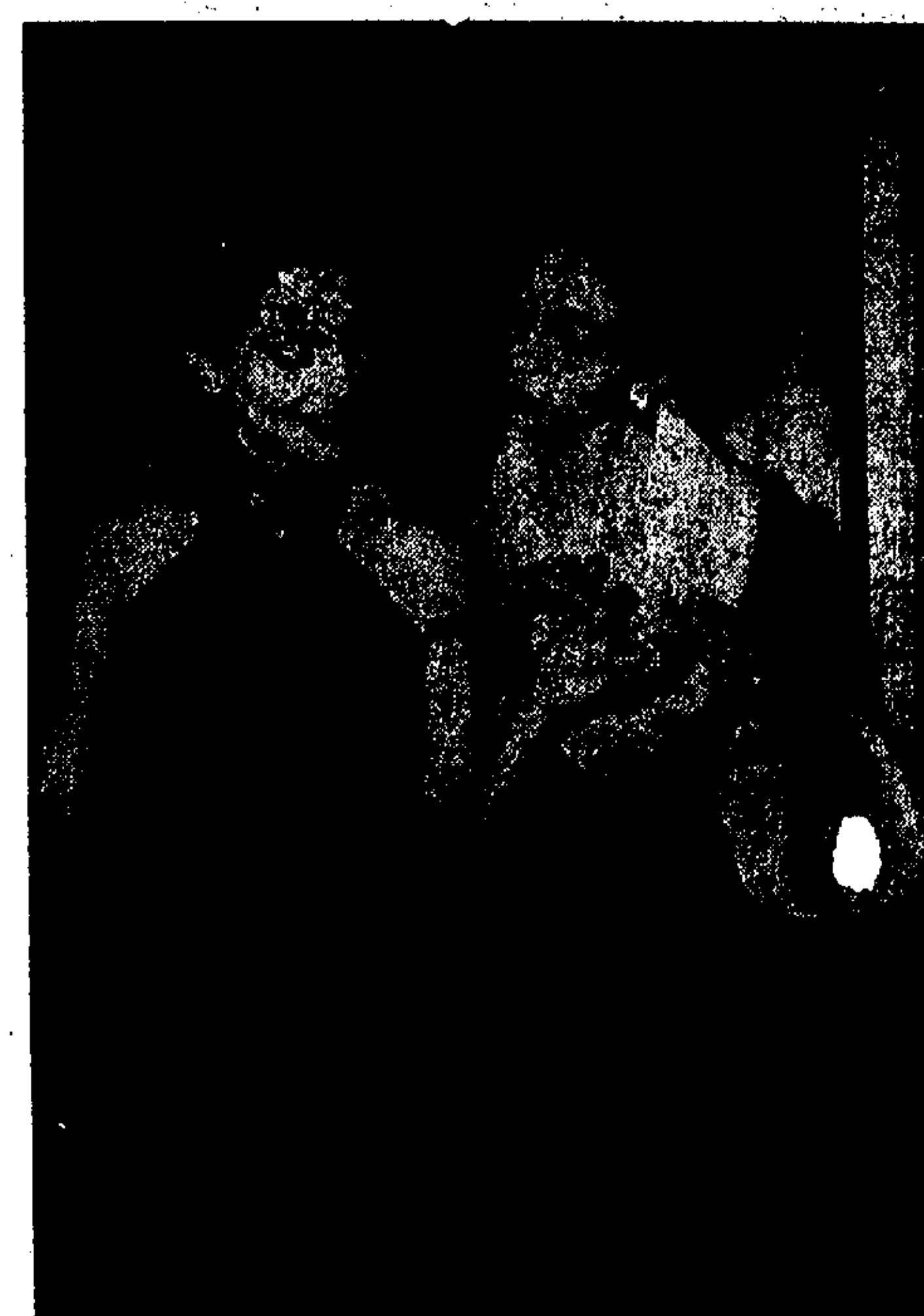
HOMESIDE PICTORIAL



MR Duncan Sandys, Minister of Supply, examining a calf-length rubber-soled Mukluks (Eskimo boots), which are supplied to soldiers in "dry-cold" climates.



MR and Mrs Martin Carlsen, the parents of Captain Kurt Carlsen of the Flying Enterprise, who flew to London to meet their famous son, pose before a mural enlargement of an aerial shot of the listing ship. (Express) Left: Bill Dancy, storekeeper, and his wife Maud, parents of Kenneth Dancy, mate of the tug Turmoil who joined Carlsen for some days. (Reuterphoto).



RIGHT: Picture taken at the Hyde Park Hotel reception for the four English mannequins who are to show London fashions in Australia. Here Laura Parnell (left) has her palm read by amateur palmist Della Oake. (Express).

CAPTAIN of the Siamese rugby team which recently arrived in England, Mr Yongsuk, carries a bag of rice to supplement his rations, as well as a bag of Hongkong-made Taikoo sugar. (Express).



FIVE long-distance training flights to Japan, the United States, Canada and Alaska, Australia and New Zealand are being undertaken by aircraft of the RAF Flying College at Manby, Lincolnshire. These are the crewmen who are leaving for Alaska.



TWO of the 150 student teachers from Malaya who will train at a college at West Kirby, Liverpool. The course will last a year. (Express).

BARGAIN hunters at a London sale camp for the night outside the store to await opening hour. Scenes like this have been common during the post-Christmas sales. (Express).



RIGHT: Paying a "trunk" call to London Airport recently was Jumbo, baby elephant flown by BOAC from Bangkok. After a day in London, she boarded another BOAC freight plane for New York.

NANCY

That "Wood" Do It

By Ernie Bushmiller



If a bank clerk gets ambitious — spot the lady

By JAMES DARTLETT

THE young man who wants to get on usually has a girl to push him. So say the men who run Britain's 500 lessons-by-post schools.

With the New Year these salesmen of success-in-your-spare-time are facing their rush of ambitious young men.

They expect them in January just as surely as the shops expect suits in March. For good resolutions mean good business. Nearly 300,000 young men will go to the local pill-box during January for their first move to spare-time study.



Most of them will be willing to pay from five to 15 guineas to the people who sell ambition by post. Others, a no smaller New Year urge in the less commercial field of evening classes. The peak period of the year is early in September.

I went to one of the biggest post-lesson schools and watched the letter pouring in, linked at the familiar confession of "I'm a bit of a blunderer."

Quickly following the confession were the options: a expression of determination to do better.

New boys

It was like the first day of terms with new boys' names filling in the registers, but all being welcomed in long ranges.

The managing director, this group is a public company that made £150,000 during the year.

The teenagers are enthusiastic, but we get the steady interest from the 23's and 24's. They're the ones who are paired up by their girl friends or their young wives.

As we went up to his office away from the New Year hustle of 400 tutors, typists, filing clerks and departmental heads, he said: "Women are practical. They are willing to sacrifice a few evenings while their partner does his homework for the sake of a bigger pay-pocket later."

If only he can get half-way through a course—which is often a three-year task—he is likely to romp home easily to the end of his spare-time stint.

But the managing director, in his role of a commercial Mr. Chips, explained: "Our work here is something like insurance. You can offer cheaper rates because you can be certain that, no matter how you encourage people, a certain number of them will drop out."

The stayers

If all those 300,000 ambitious young men today were to keep going till the last lesson was over and the examination passed, many spare-time schools would have to charge twice as much as they do.

Men whose aim is to set up as chartered accountants are among the best stayers. They plot on, and the figures show that nine out of every ten of them win through.

The general unrest of the early post-war years, when indoor men started a training for outdoor jobs and outdoor men looked for indoor jobs, has calmed down. Only bank clerks seem now to have an itching lead.

Most people, however, still do not know what they want except MORE money and MORE power on their own kind of job.

With his experience of handling nearly half a million dollars' worth of business in the past 20 years, the post-lesson school refuses to push any new career, earnings for a different career.

He said: "Never encourage a man. If a builder's assistant tells me he is eager to be a florist, I start him off in that line. With a reminder that he had better look up figures, so that he can deal with the market prices of flowers."

They forget

When the labourer realises, in a month or two, that he does not want to be a florist after all, it is easier to persuade him that spare-time study will help him become a good works foreman.

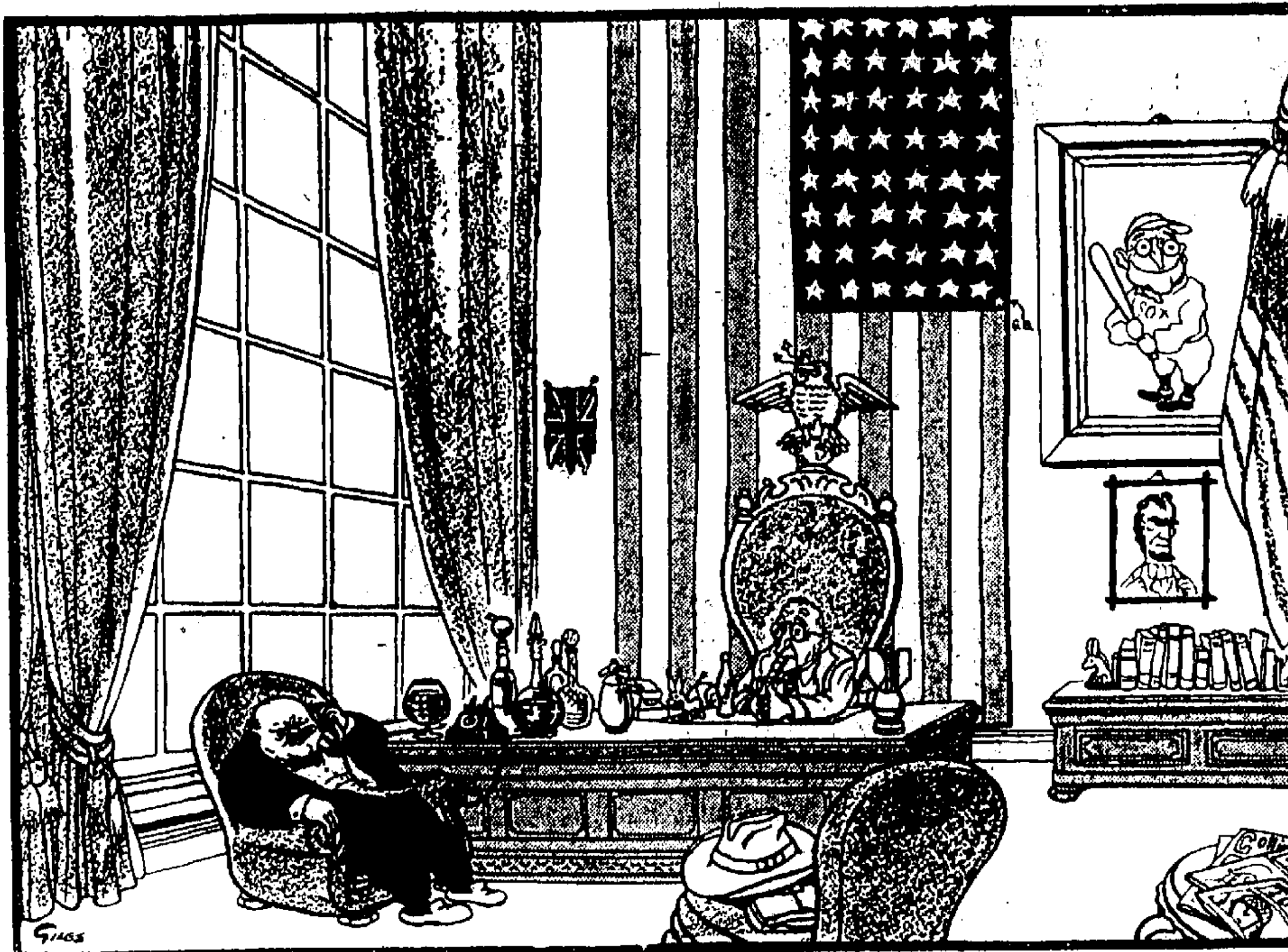
I wanted to go out and meet some of the men whose spare-time approach to success has taken them to the top. But there were snags.

"I'd like to meet them, too," said the managing director. But he seems that the pupil who makes his way to success through lessons-by-post usually prefers to forget the old school was a pillar-box.



"I want to complain about these ankle-strap shoes I bought from you!"

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"How'd you like that—Joe and Vishinsky called at No. 10 for a peace conference—didn't know I was out!"

London Express Service

PETER KIRK examines THE TROUBLES THAT MR TRUMAN FACES

THE intricacy of modern Government lends itself to corruption. The size of Government departments, the large-scale interventions which Governments must necessarily make into business, and the multiplication of restrictions and controls, all of them inevitably make for a system where the man who is not ashamed to give and the man who is not afraid to accept cash for favours granted and received can flourish for a long time undetected.

In Britain we have been exceptionally lucky in this respect. The tradition of public honesty which has grown up through the years has kept public dishonesty down to the minimum.

Even outbreaks such as the Steel and Lloyds in 1948 would have been regarded as normal business practice in most foreign countries.

And they pale into complete insignificance when they are compared with the scandals that are at present being uncovered in the American Government.

Throughout the past year Washington has been shaken by a series of scandals involving many departments of the Government.

It started with allegations, charging that the President's military aide, General Vaughan had accepted bribes.

It was alleged that General Vaughan had let it be known that he would help businesses to obtain loans from the Government-sponsored Reconstruction Finance Corporation—a body set up during the depression to help failing businesses—in return for five per cent of the profits.

General Vaughan stoutly denied the charges, and they were not pressed. But at the same time, there was started an investigation into the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the "five per centers," which revealed some startling facts.

There was a certain Mr. Merl Young, for instance. Ten years ago Mr. Young was a messenger in a Government Department. Today he owns a \$20,000 house in a fashionable Washington suburb.

His new wealth is mostly derived from "loans" from business interests—loans, for which repayment has never been received.

His wife, who was at the time a White House Secretary, also came under investigation, and she was asked to explain how she came into possession of a \$4,000 mink coat.

Next the affairs of Mr. William Boyle, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee—the head of the party organisation—were examined.

Mr. Boyle admitted that he had been paid a fat retainer by a firm which was going out of business unless it got a loan from R. F. C. Shortly after Mr. Boyle got his retainer, the firm got its loan.

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Simultaneously with these investigations, a Senate Committee under Mr. Estes Kefauver had started investigations into organised crime in the United States.

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HOW will all these revelations affect Mr. Truman next November? The observer abroad might think that Mr. Truman has no chance of being elected. But much can happen between now and next November and, besides, there is an important precedent that must not be overlooked.

Way back in 1921, when the Republicans were in power, the greatest American political scandal of all time—the Teapot Dome—broke upon an astonished world. The facts of the case were simple—or so it seemed at first. The Sinclair Oil Company wanted to get the lease of the Teapot Dome site in Wyoming, which was owned by the Navy Department and administered by the Secretary of the Interior.

The president of the company, Mr. Harry Sinclair, lent the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Albert Fall, \$20,000—a loan which was never repaid and was obviously a bribe.

Mr. Truman may take comfort from this. He may take comfort, too, from an odd coincidence which has not gone unnoticed in America.

Mr. Harding, before his election to the White House, was the Republican Senator from Ohio. He was, in fact, the last member of Congress to gain the Presidency straight from Congress.

The leading Republican contestant for the Presidency at the moment, Mr. Taft, is also a Republican senator from Ohio.

And the memory of Harding and the Teapot Dome is still fresh in people's minds. They are not anxious to repeat the experiment so, despite the scandals, which are shaking the Administration to its foundations, the Democrats' chances are far from hopeless.

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BRITAIN has a new First Sea Lord. After more than three arduous years in command at the Admiralty, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fraser has handed over to Admiral Sir Rhoderick R. McGrigor, KCB, DSO, son of a major-general. He has spent nearly 50 years in the Royal Navy.

The new First Sea Lord has had an extraordinarily varied career since he joined the Navy at twelve and a half years of age. He was at the Dardanelles and at Jutland; between the wars he held appointments in the Home Fleet, the Mediterranean, on the West Indies station, and in China, where he was Chief of Staff to Admiral Sir Percy Noble.

Early in the war he commanded the First Cruiser Squadron, directing the air operations against the Tirpitz; he commanded the Home Fleet during the chase and sinking of the Bismarck; and he won the DSO for his bravery and leadership during the Stilly landings.

It was characteristic of him to be in the thick of things and watch the progress of any operation in which his forces had even the smallest part.

This nearly cost him his life in the Straits of Messina. The launch in which he had put to sea to observe a McGRIGOR small Allied landing behind the German lines was attacked from the air, and the Admiral was blown clean into the sea.

He received a damaged knee and gashed arms, but I doubt whether he paid much attention to these injuries. His coolness has always been an inspiration to those around him, and his immense powers of endurance astounded those on board his flagship during the Russian convoys, for he would remain on the bridge for days on end with scarcely a break for sleep.

Action, or the promise of action, was a tonic to him, and yet this fighting sailor

had a rare grasp of administrative detail.

His new office is his third on the Board of Admiralty, for he was Assistant-Chief of Naval Staff (Weapons) from 1941-43, and Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff from 1945-47. From the latter post he went to command the Home Fleet, and then he became Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth—a post traditionally regarded until now as a "retirement job" for no previous Commander-in-Chief, Plymouth, has ever gone on to become First Sea Lord.

There is no "playing to the gallery" in any of Admiral McGrigor's inspections; he is completely uninterested in personal publicity. He goes to ships and shore establishments to find things out, to inform himself fully on every type of problem confronting a naval leader today.

I talked to him in his room at the Admiralty, looking out over the Horse Guards Parade, and he stressed the vital role of naval air power. A torpedo

specialised in this role since his days as a commander.

Instead, he has preferred to gain a far wider experience of every aspect of naval technique and tactics, and he has long been recognised as an expert in the handling of naval aircraft.

Admiral McGrigor has taken command at the Admiralty at a time when the Fleet is expanding after a period of untimely retrenchment, and there are many problems to be solved. A workable structure of command in the Atlantic has still to be decided, and there are difficulties ahead over production. Both RAF and Navy need vast numbers of modern aircraft, and the men to man them.

"Whatever form a new war might take," said the Admiral, "no one must ever forget that the seas must be kept open to supply Britain. Our tasks are as great as they have ever been, for submarine, mining, air attacks on our shipping, and, possibly, convoy attacks by surface raiders, have all to be combated."

In this transition period, when the strength of the Royal Navy is being restored, and new tactics must be evolved, it is fortunate that the Senior Service is headed by a sailor who has a reputation for getting things done and standing no nonsense.

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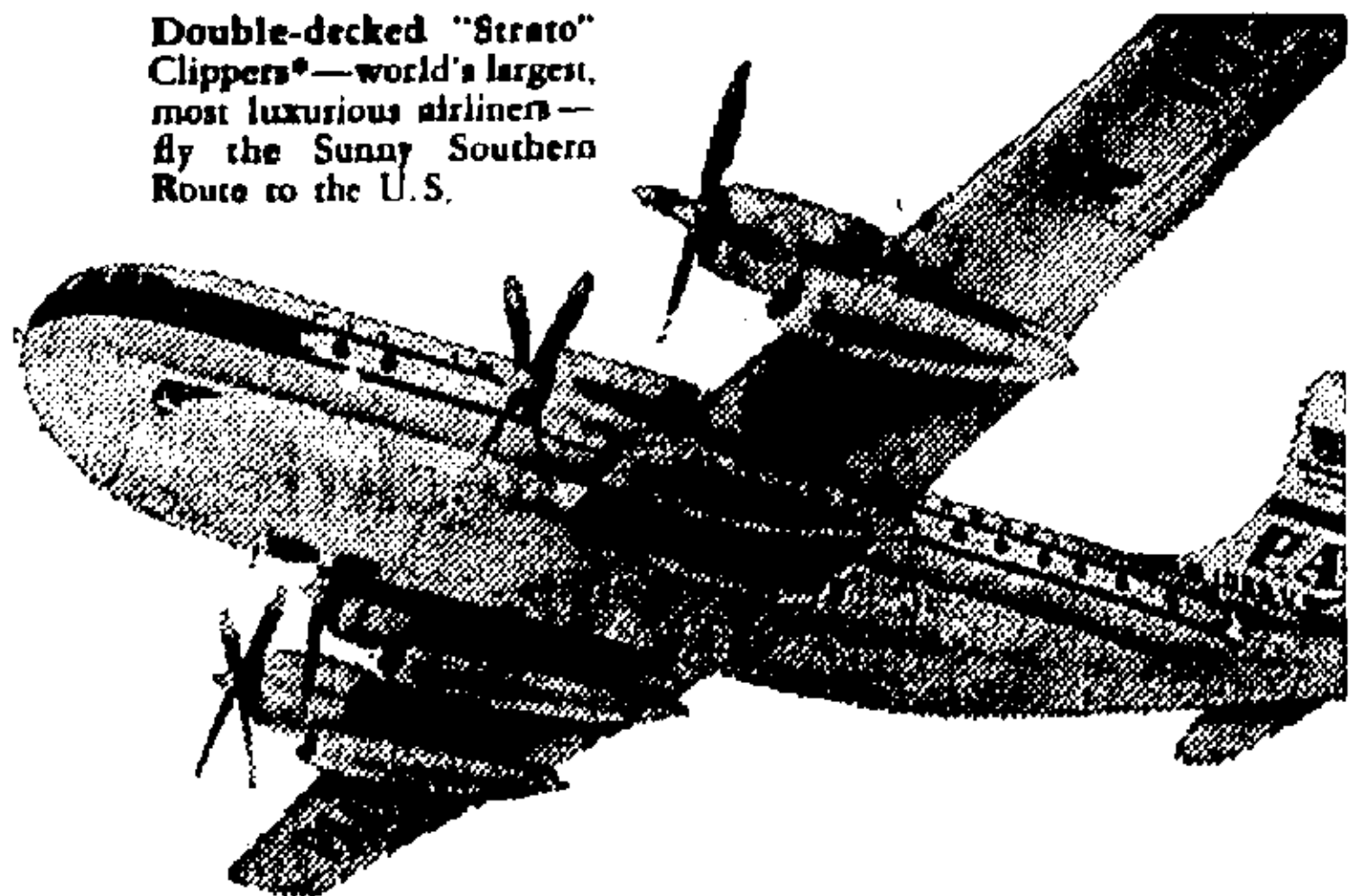
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'1,000 FATHOMS UNDER THE SEA'

by R. E. WILLSON

A WELLSIAN fantasy? A Jules Verne creation? Neither.

It is an artist's impression, inspired by a naval officer, of what an aircraft carrier may look like when the atomic age is a little older.

Commissioned by the Admiralty's Recruiting Section, it is the main exhibit of the Royal Navy, at a schoolboys' exhibition in London. They hope it will fire the imagination of the scientifically minded when they come to think of the sea as a career.

The designer says his carrier would be able to submerge to 1,000 fathoms, carry 500 jet aircraft and have a surface speed of 100 knots.

Its jet planes would be shot out of tunnels in the ship's bows then retractable wings and fins opening automatically as the planes emerged.

Tomorrow's pilots would control their planes lying flat along the fuselage. Before landing they would switch over to automatic radio landing and leave the rest to flying control officers sitting high up in a tower on the carrier's deck.

Radar would guide the returning planes into a tunnel in the ship's stern.

To check the planes on landing the designer estimates their speed then at 500-600 m.p.h. — jet propulsion streams would be diverted from the ship's driving units.

Sixteen electrically operated lifts would park the planes in a shuttlecock service at the rate of one a minute.

This is an impossible dream. It is merely an elaboration of experiments that have been going on for years. Both the British and French navies have tried out plane-carrying submarines, so why not a submersible aircraft carrier?

Because of the limited depth of the world's harbours, however, the super-ship would have to be limited to 60,000 tons, or half as big again as Britain's latest aircraft carrier, H.M.S. Eagle, which carries a mere 100 planes.

Nerve-centre would be the lighthouse shaped radar tower on the streamlined upper deck, and of course every officer and man, a thousand altogether, would be a highly trained specialist.

But even unsinkable ships apparently, must have an escort. This would consist of jet hydroplanes able to skim across the water.

Equipped with the latest anti-submarine devices and automatic directional bombing gear, no enemy under-water attacker would stand a chance of survival.

—(London Express Service)

JEW FIGHTS JEW In 'Promised Land'

By M. DEHN

WHEN the British Mandatory Government of Palestine back in 1947 and earlier called on David Ben Gurion, head of the Jewish Agency and underground Haganah, to co-operate in wiping out the Britain-hating terrorists of the Irgun Zvai Leumi, he turned a deaf ear.

The Jews were opposed to Irgun's violent methods, he said, but co-operation with the British — accused of "hindering" the establishment of a Jewish state — was impossible.

Last week, the same terrorists turned Jerusalem's streets into a battlefield. Rioting bands clashed with the police as they tried to storm the Knesset, where members were debating whether they should ask Germany to pay reparations for Nazi atrocities. Again they were obeying their leader, Menachem Begin, whom a hundred thousand British troops had sought in vain. For Begin had threatened "war to the death" if negotiations were authorised.

WARNING

This time, though, Ben Gurion came to the radio, warned the nation that the forces of law and order would crush all acts of terror.

"If necessary," he declared, "the police will use all the power and means at the disposal of the state in order to defend the law and the guardians of the law."

As he spoke, hundreds of steel-helmeted police, armed with batons and shields, and carrying gas masks patrolled the Holy City to prevent fresh riots.

Soldiers in full battle dress were bivouacked at strategic points. Barbed wire barricades were strung across roads once again.

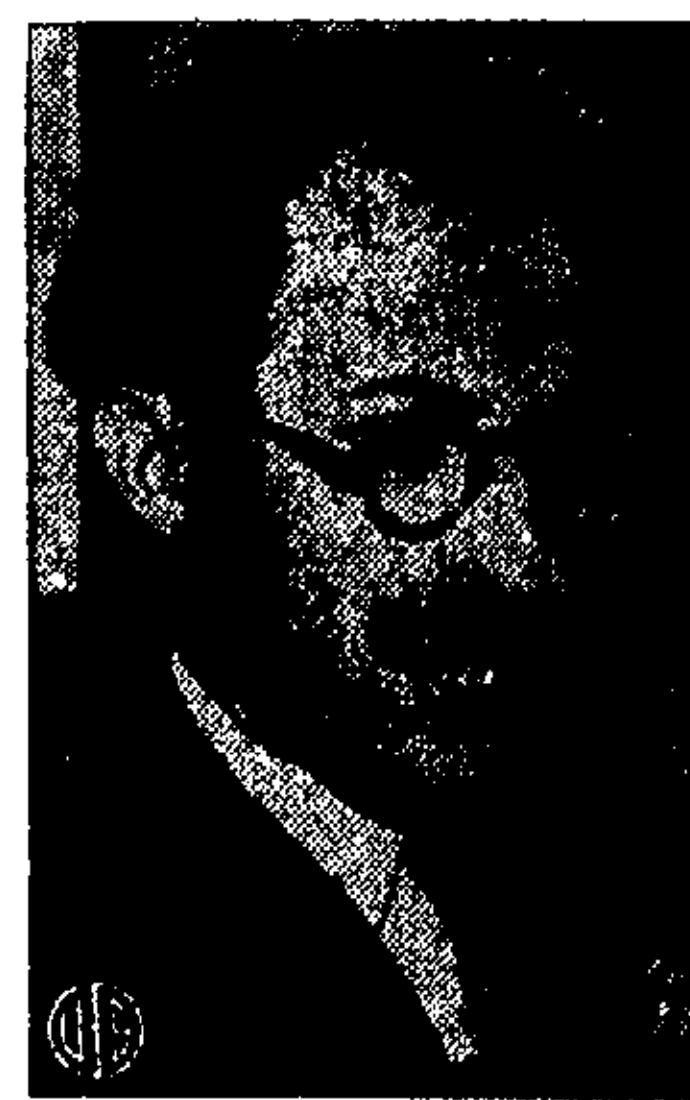
But this time Jew was fighting Jew.

Nevertheless, despite the signs of civil disorder, observers believe Israel will not become another Spain. The question of whether or not to negotiate with Germany, though, has touched deeper feelings than any other issue in recent years.

DESPERATE

Too many people bear the tattoo marks of the concentration camps on their arms, and carry with them nightmare memories of Nazi tortures for the thought of official contact with the Germans to be generally acceptable.

Israel cannot accept blood-money, they say, or the martyrdom of six million Jewish dead will be defiled. And to prevent contact with the Germans Menachem Begin, now leader of the



Ben Gurion Irgun

dwindling extreme right-wing party, Cherut, is prepared to stir Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorists into action.

Why, in the face of such strong public feeling, is the government anxious to negotiate with Germany?

The Jews do not want revenge. The real reason is simple.

Israel is in a desperate economic position. Her foreign currency reserves are exhausted. Imports exceed exports during the period January to October 1951 by £78,000,000.

The November United States grant-in-aid of 65,000,000 dollars, the 95,000,000 million dollars collected so far through the sale of bonds in the United States and the 75,000,000 dollars collected during 1951 in world-wide appeals, have already been allocated for the purchase of food for the population. Israel has no stocks in hand, and any wartime blockade of her coast would see her population facing starvation within three months.

TROUBLES

Raw materials are needed to keep the factories going, and there is a huge interest due and repayment to be made on the U.S. Export-Import Bank loan of 125,000,000 dollars.

Should reparations be obtained from Germany (Israel is asking for 1,500 million dollars) the Government will be satisfied even if they are paid in goods.

Particularly needed are German wooden prefabs for the housing of new immigrants. Six hundred and sixty eight thousand people have entered the country since May 15, 1948, more than the total number of Jews in Palestine on the day the State was proclaimed. Thirty-two thousand of them are still living in tents, another 80,000 in flimsy canvas-walled huts. Now they are beginning to ask why they were brought to Israel.

They listen to Communists too, who tell them the Government cannot give them decent homes because it is spending too much on building a big army and providing bases for the "American imperialists."

But Ben Gurion has other troubles too. He is worried by the activities of Mapam, the pro-Communist left-wing party which is seeking to gain the allegiance of the working classes from his pro-Western Mapai party.

Until the two parties quarrelled over the East-West issue, they co-operated closely. Together, they built up the communal settlement movement and Israel's big co-operative industries belonging to the Trade Union Federation. Now the East-West quarrel represents the source of the real danger to Israel.

In the communal settlements the two groups often refuse to live together. If they do so, they eat at different times, refuse to use the same cooking pots, in some cases even husbands and wives no longer speak to each other.

In one settlement near Haifa, even chickens have been divided by an "iron curtain" of wire netting into Mapai hens and Mapam hens.

INFLATION

In the country districts, the struggle is at present chiefly economic. Mapam is trying to win the support of the workers by pleading for higher wages, Mapai, although forced to concede 10 or 15 percent wage increases in certain industries last week, is risking unpopularity by holding to an anti-inflationary policy.

This policy has had little success, however, and inflation is the biggest problem of Israel's common man today. The population is swollen by newcomers, nearly 200,000 of them primitive people from Oriental countries who have never even used a spoon or a fork before their arrival in Israel. And the scarcity

Is this the aircraft carrier of the future?



BEAUTY SLEEP REALLY WORKS

A BEAUTY secret which women have been seeking for centuries — the natural substance which gives young girls their peaches-and-cream complexions — has been stumbled on by a British scientist.

Dr. William Bullough, of Sheffield University, has proved that skin can replace its worn-out cells with new ones only when it is supplied with a substance called glycogen.

He discovered this while working with animals, but he is convinced it also applies to human beings.

While the body is awake, the available supplies of glycogen circulate in the bloodstream to supply the muscles with energy. So the skin is starved of it and cannot rejuvenate itself.

When the body goes to sleep some of the glycogen settles in the skin, stimulating it to form new young cells. The youthfulness of the skin, therefore, depends directly on how much sleep you get.

The beauty of young girls' complexions is largely due to the fact that they go to bed early, Bullough believes.

After too many late nights, the skin looks tired because it has not been given a chance to replace its aged cells with young ones.

This sleep-and-beauty rule holds throughout life, for human skin retains its power to form new cells indefinitely.

There seems to be little hope that women will ever be able to rejuvenate their faces by rubbing in extra glycogen or taking it in tablet form.

The only way they can take advantage of Bullough's findings is by making sure they get plenty of sleep.

Mother was right after all.

DOCTORS WARNED

THE CONSCIENTIOUS DOCTOR who urges his patients to consult him whenever they feel unwell may be causing more sickness than he cures.

By telling patients that minor pains may be the first signs of serious disease he may frighten them into real physical illness.

This warning has been issued to doctors by two highly experienced medical men — Sir Heneage Ogilvie, chief surgeon at Guy's Hospital, and Dr. William A. R. Thomson, a heart specialist.

"There is a very real danger that by driving the public into our consulting rooms and surgeries whenever they feel unwell we may be increasing the liability to disease," they write in an editorial in *The Practitioner*. Worry has such an enormous effect on health that a whole range of anxiety ailments, called "psycho-somatic" complaints, is now recognised. They include duodenal ulcer, heart disorders, and asthma, as well as mental troubles.

There is no doubt that doctors who advise their patients to consult them at the first signs of disorder save some lives. "But the question must arise whether the price we are paying for health is not too high," *The Practitioner* states.

DUST 'COLDS'

★ WHAT is there in house dust that can give you all the symptoms of a heavy cold?

Some doctors believe that at least half the streaming colds blamed on germs are really caused by some powerful irritant in the woolly dust which collects under furniture.

Thousands of people suffer from constant "hay fever" because they are super-sensitive to this irritant. It is also known to bring on asthma attacks.

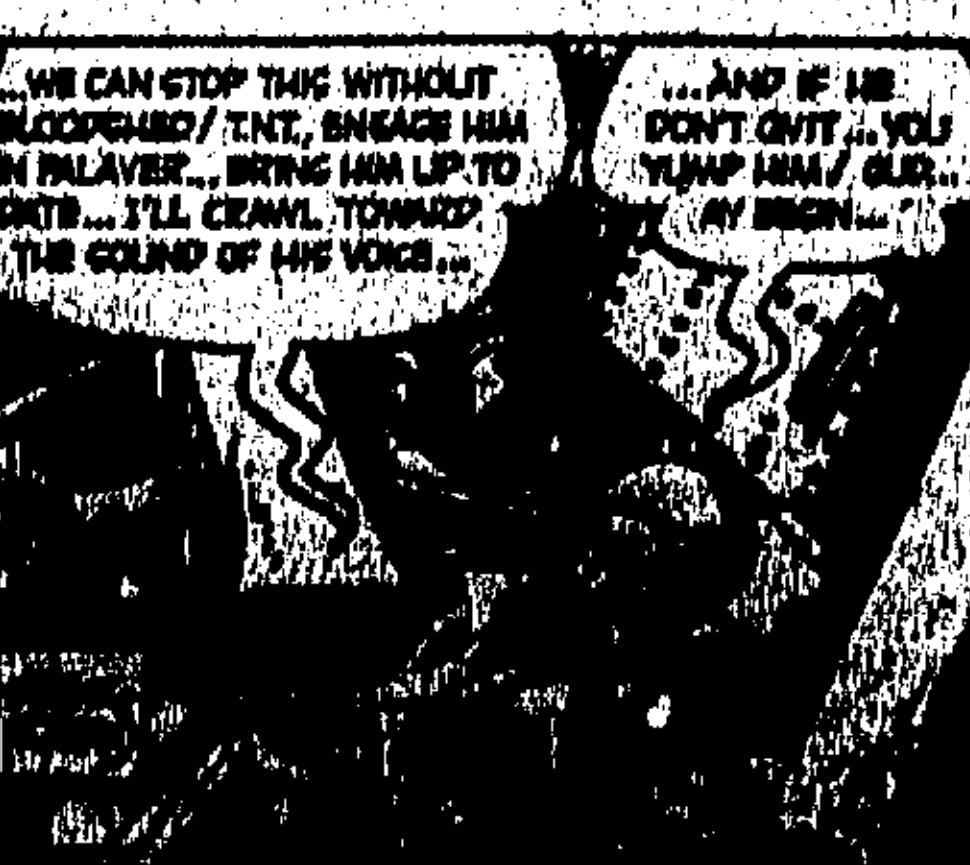
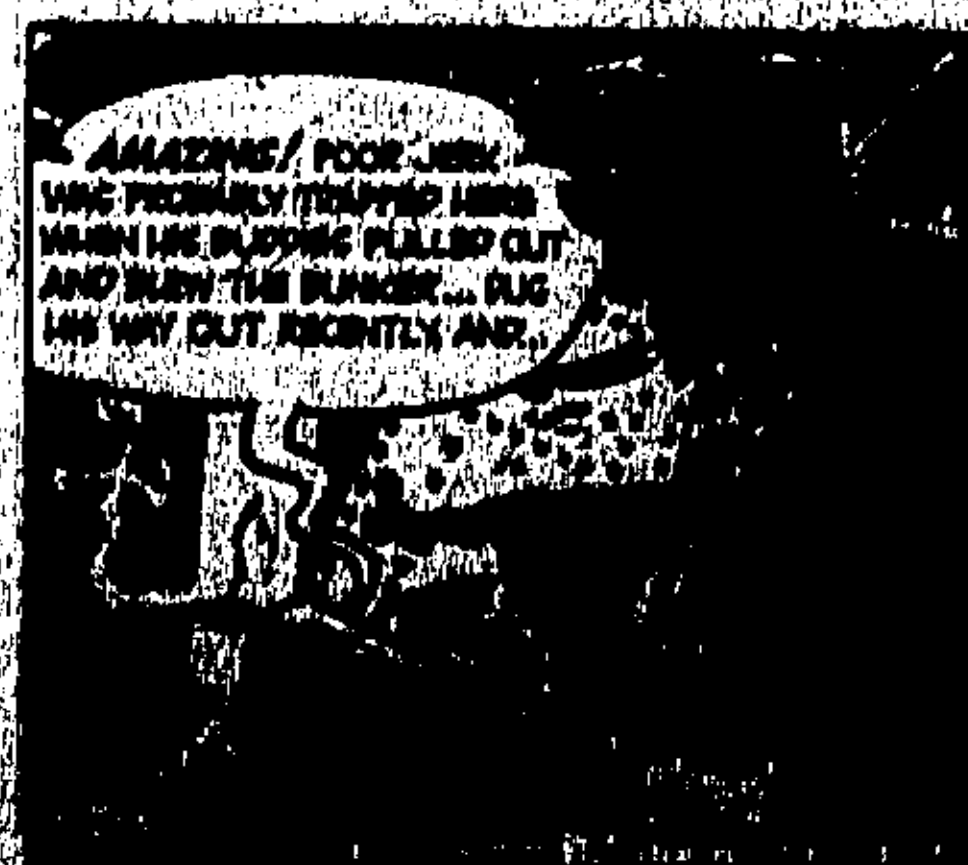
Dr. Kate Mansell, of King's College Hospital, has isolated the mysterious irritant. She believes it is formed by the action of certain moulds on furniture stuffing and upholstery.

Britain's damp climate may make us unduly susceptible to dust "colds" because it favours the growth of these moulds.

—(London Express Service)

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins





THE Vice-President of the Hongkong University Alumni Association, Dr D. K. Samy (at head of table), and his party at the Association's annual dinner dance held at the Hongkong Hotel. Guests included the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. L. T. Ride, and Sir Arthur and Lady Morse. (Staff Photographer)



HIS Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, greeted by girls of St Mary's School during his visit there on his recent trip to the Colony. (Willie's Inc.)



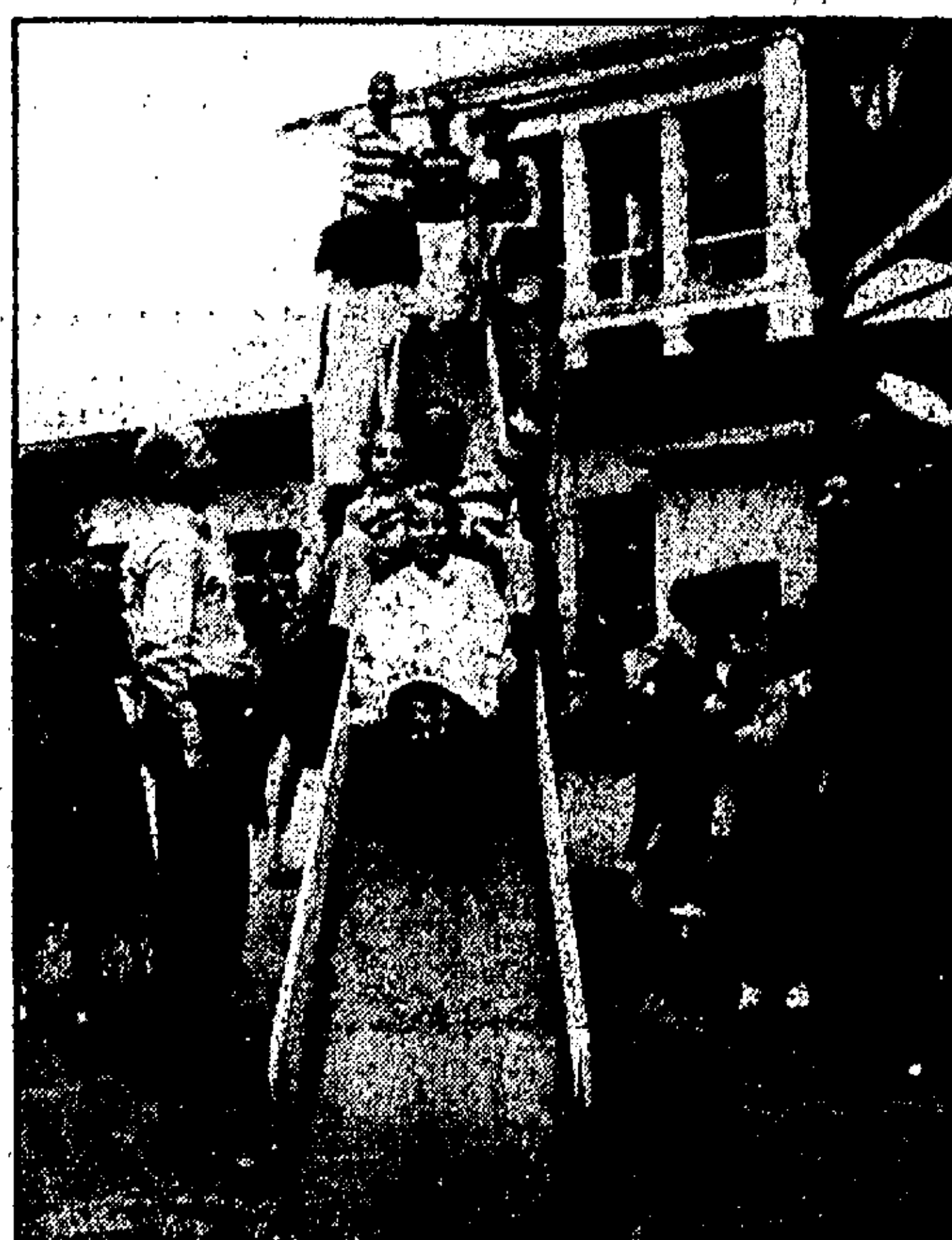
MR Wong Kong and Miss Lam Hang-yau, whose wedding took place recently. (Mainland Studio)



PICTURE taken at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, on the occasion of the christening of Diana Lesley, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs E. J. M. Churn. (Willie's Inc.)



CHRISTENING at the Rosary Church of John Neves, son of Mr and Mrs H. J. Neves. Picture was taken after the ceremony on the steps of the church. (Mayfair)



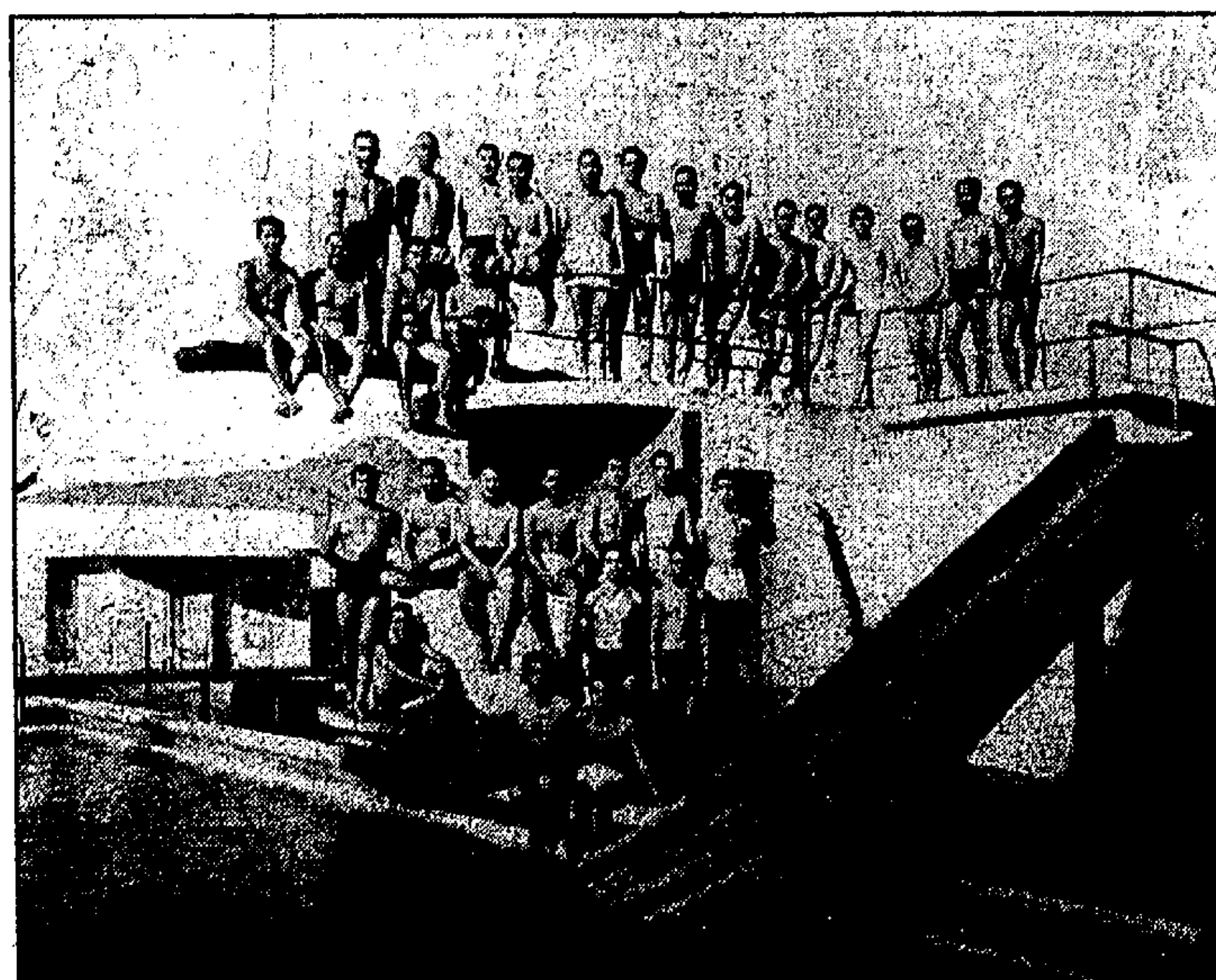
ONE of the many attractions which delighted the young ones at the children's party given by the Petty Officers' Mess of HMS Tamar last week. (Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs Patrick J. McNamara leaving St Joseph's Church after their wedding last Saturday. The bride was formerly Miss Barbara Hoad. (Staff Photographer)



MEMBERS of the 2nd Hongkong (Catholic) Rovers at camp in the grounds of the Aberdeen Seminary.



GROUP photograph of the Ritz Winter Swimming Union taken at the annual get-together last week. (Ming Yuen)



PICTURE taken at St Teresa's Church after the wedding of Mr Thomas Kavanagh, of the Hongkong Police, and Miss Eileen Moran last Saturday. (Peter Tse)



MR E. W. C. Simmonds, Distribution Superintendent of the Hongkong and China Gas Co. Ltd., who is leaving next week on retirement, was fêted by the Chinese staff at the Kilo Ling Restaurant last week. Mr and Mrs Simmonds are seated with the Chinese staff from left. (Staff Photographer)

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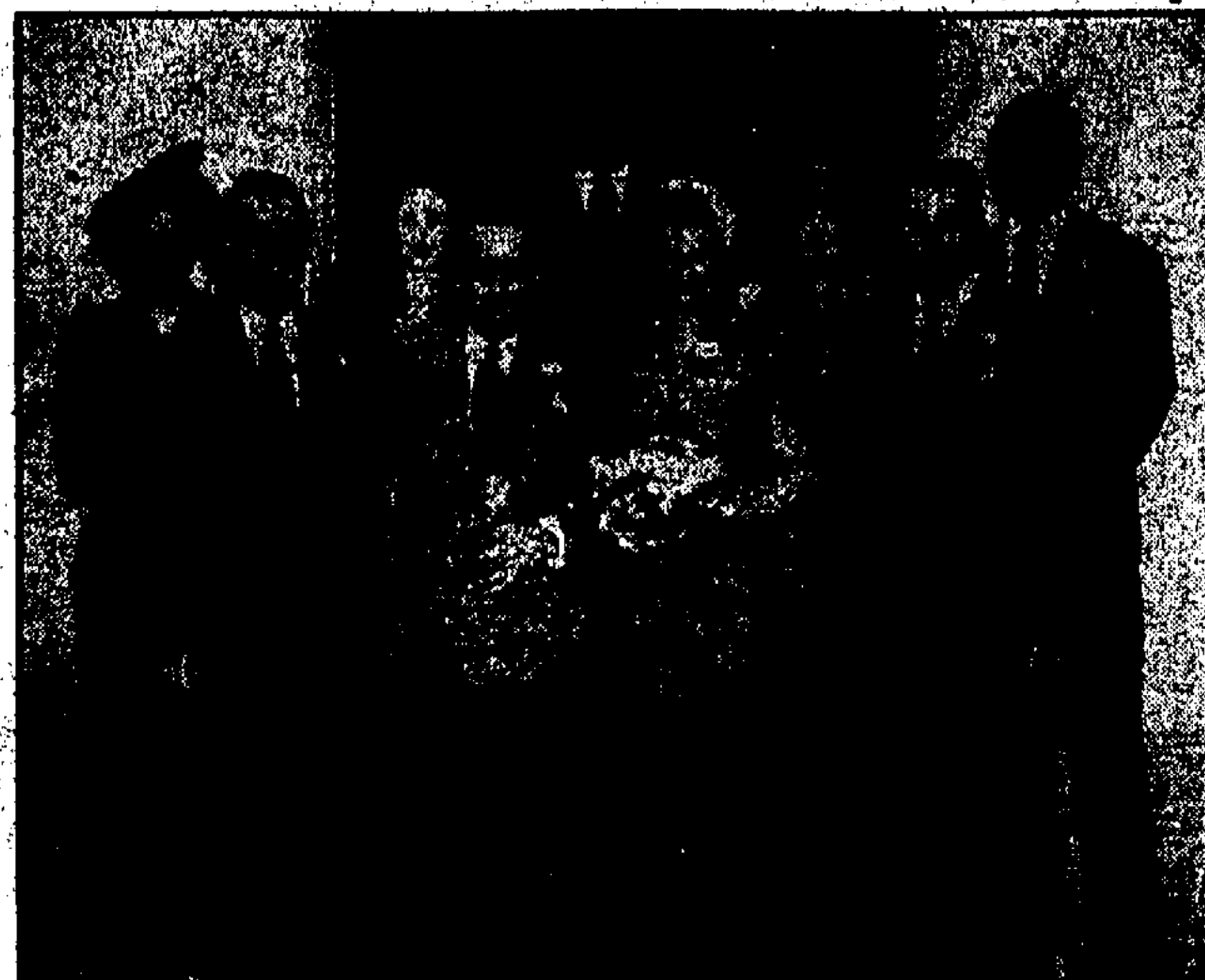
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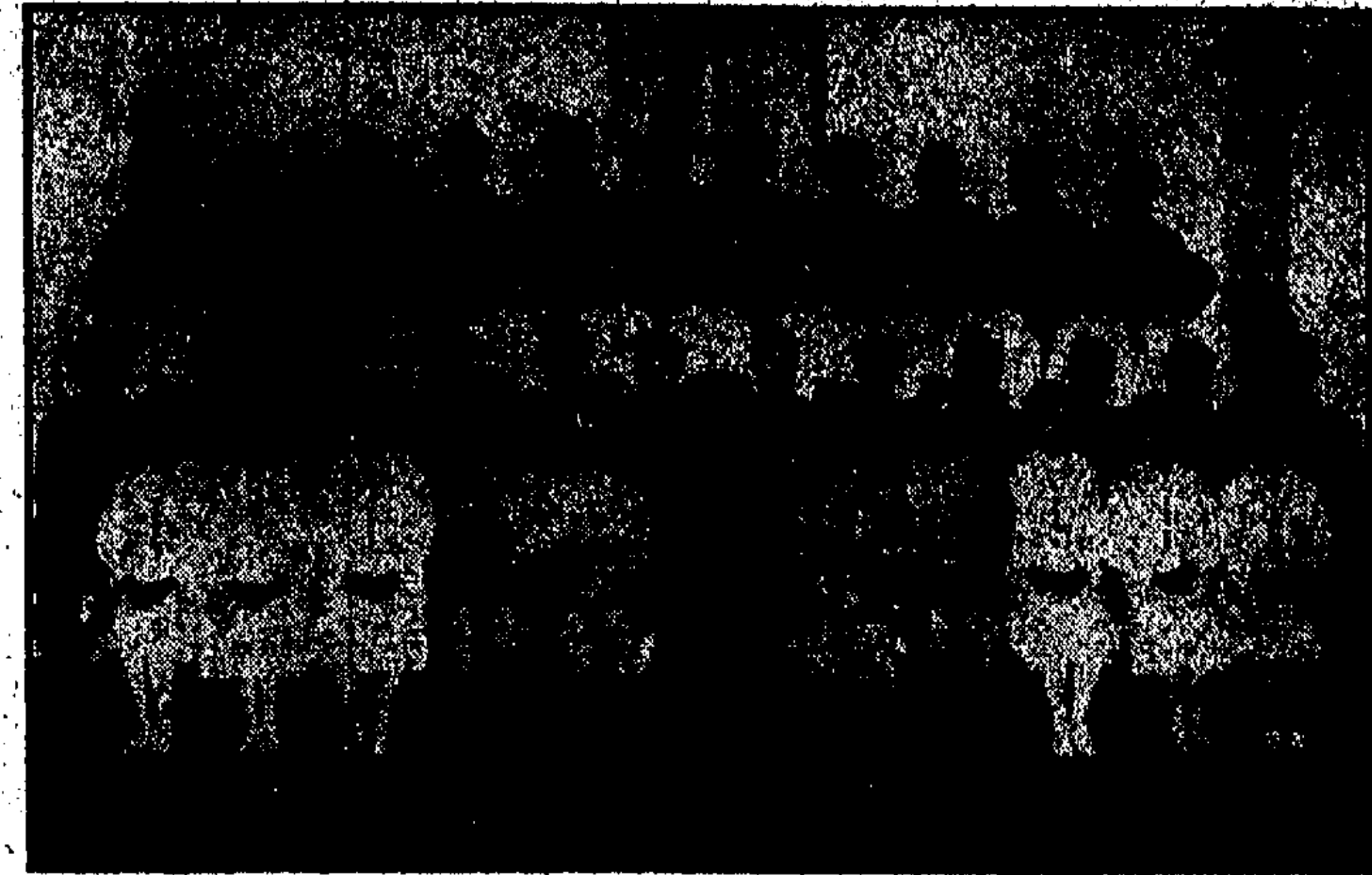
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A successful garden fete was held at the Garrison School, Kennedy Road, last Saturday. Picture shows a "frog race" in progress. (Staff Photographer)



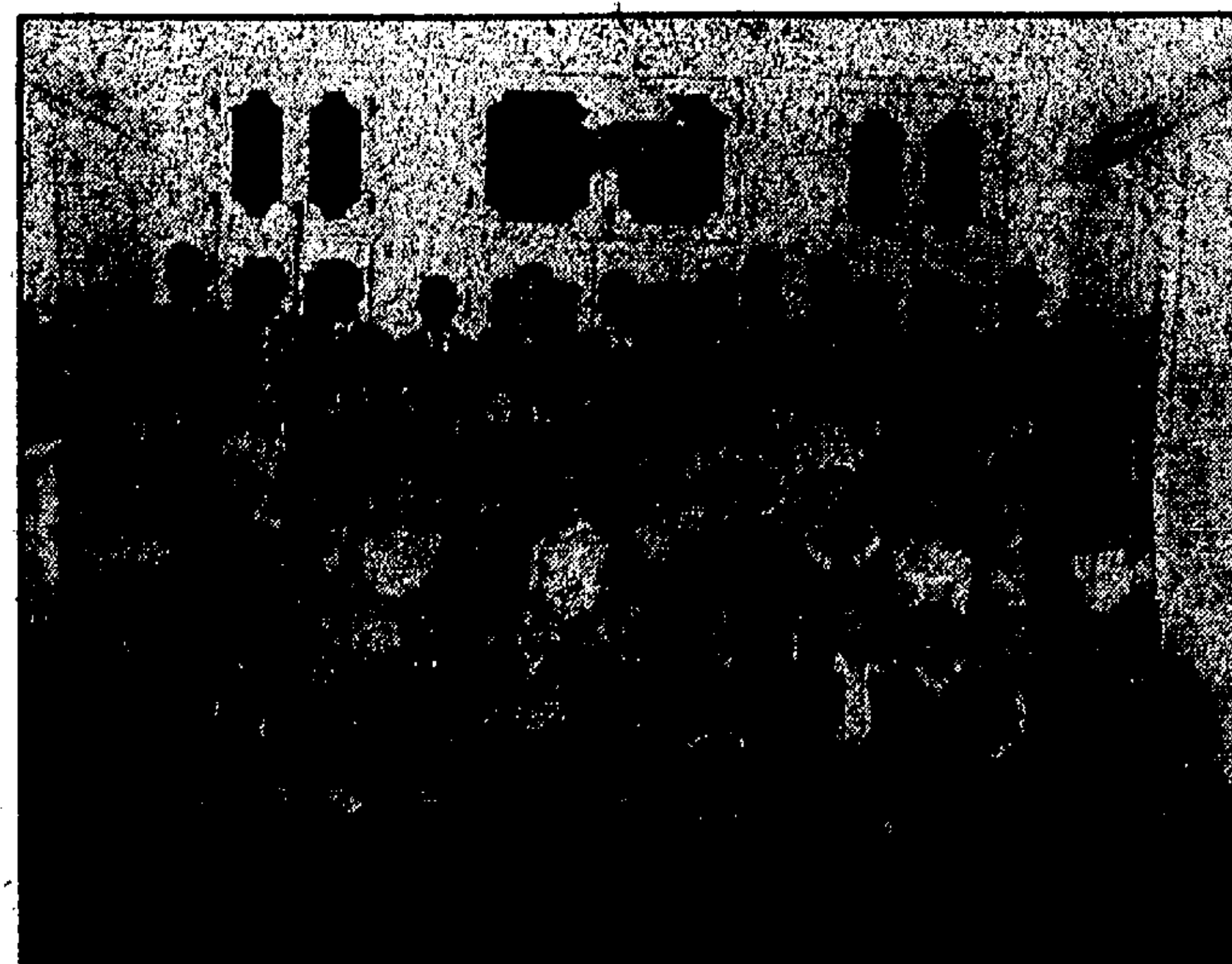
MR and Mrs Reginald Victor Fogarty and friends photographed after their wedding at the Rosary Church last Saturday. The bride was Miss Aida Maria Eca da Silva. (Staff Photographer)



THE various committees of the Members' Mess of the St John Ambulance Brigade were elected last Sunday, and this group picture was taken after they took over from last year's office holders. (Staff Photographer)



GROUP picture taken outside the Rosary Church after the wedding of Mr William Fallon and Miss Minnie Melbye. (Mayfair)



RIGHT: Mr and Mrs Kenneth Lo and their baby son, Robert Anthony, taken after his christening at St Joseph's Church last Sunday. Mr Lo is the eldest son of the Hon. and Mrs. M. W. Lo, and is a well-known cricketer. (Ming Yuen)

LEFT: Friends of Miss May Huang, daughter of Mr and Mrs Han-liang Huang, at a farewell party in her honour before she left for the United States to continue her studies. (Mainland Studio)



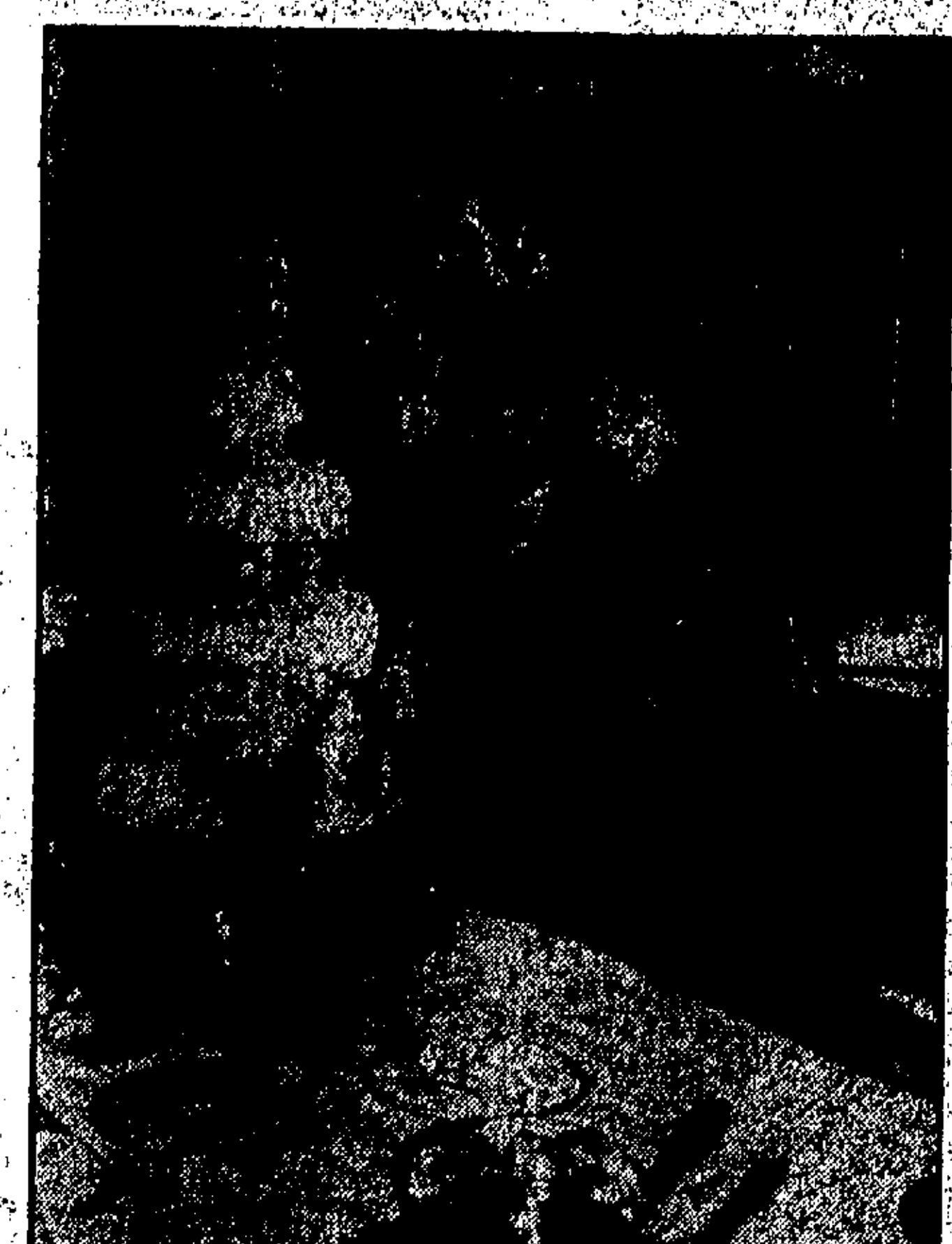
PHOTO taken after the christening at St Andrew's Church last Sunday of Halcyon Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. J. H. Pughe. (Mayfair)



MR Jack James, United Press correspondent in Hong-kong, giving a talk to members of the Y's Men's Club on his experiences in Korea. (Staff Photographer)



THE prizewinning play in the Chinese Section of the Inter-Schools Drama Contest. Students of St Stephen's Girls' College in a scene from "Peacock's Gall," by Kuo Mo-jo. (Staff Photographer)



MR and Mrs Seaward Woo, who celebrated their Silver Wedding last week. (Mainland Studio)

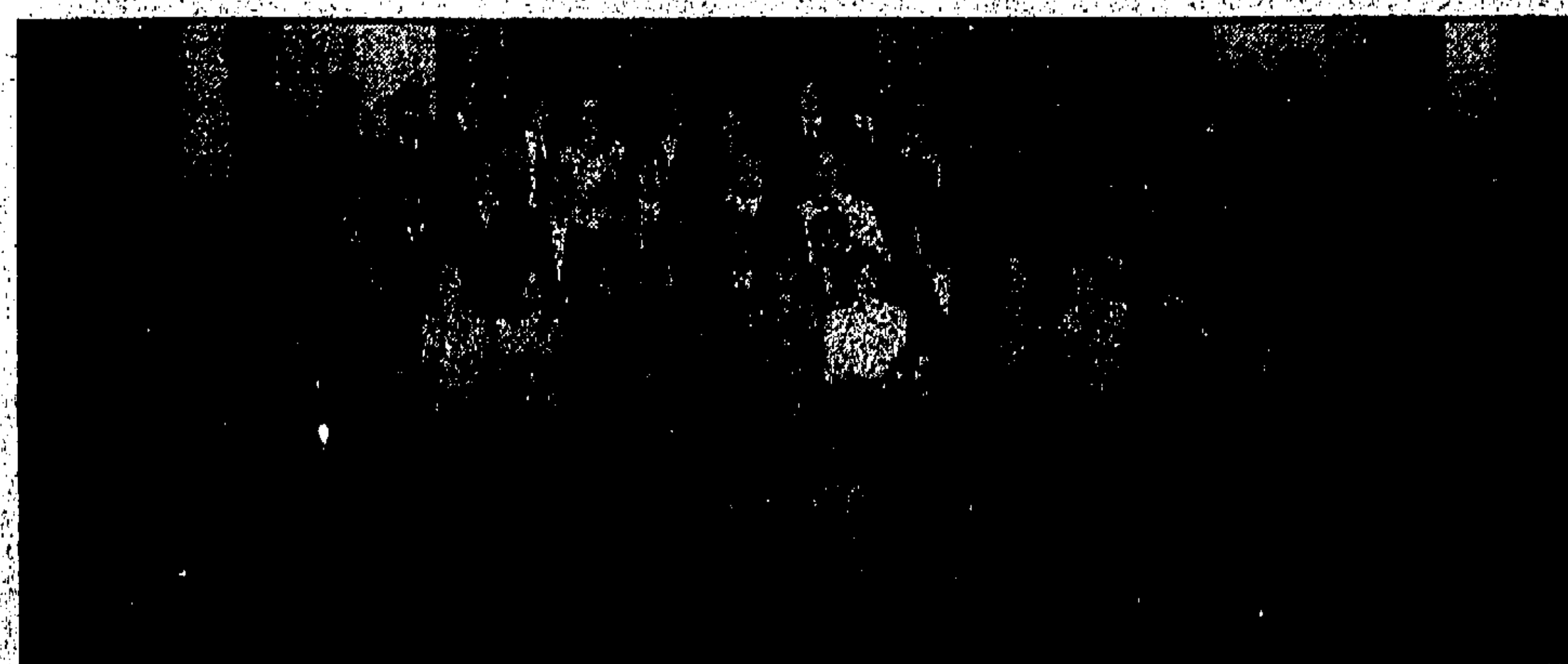
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RIGHT: At the Lodge Naval and Military Ladies' night at the Hong-kong Hotel. Mr A. V. Lyen, Right Worshipful Master, and Miss Eleanor Lyen (third and fourth from right) with some guests. (Staff Photographer)



MEMBERS of the International Fellowship Group and guests at a dance held last week at the European YMCA. (Staff Photographer)

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PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

FOUR ROOMS EQUAL TO FIVE

By JOAN O'SULLIVAN

WHEN are four rooms five? Sounds like a stickler, but it's easy to answer when you look at the floor plans for today's house.

This is a four-room house but it offers five-room efficiency because the living room has a large dining space. It's set off to the right, near the kitchen. A small wall section shuts off part of the living room and provides privacy.

The living room itself is ideally large. It runs the depth of the house. From a decorative standpoint this is important, because large picture windows are featured at either end of the room. These provide plenty of light, good ventilation and, in spring and summer, a delightful view of the shrubbery outside.

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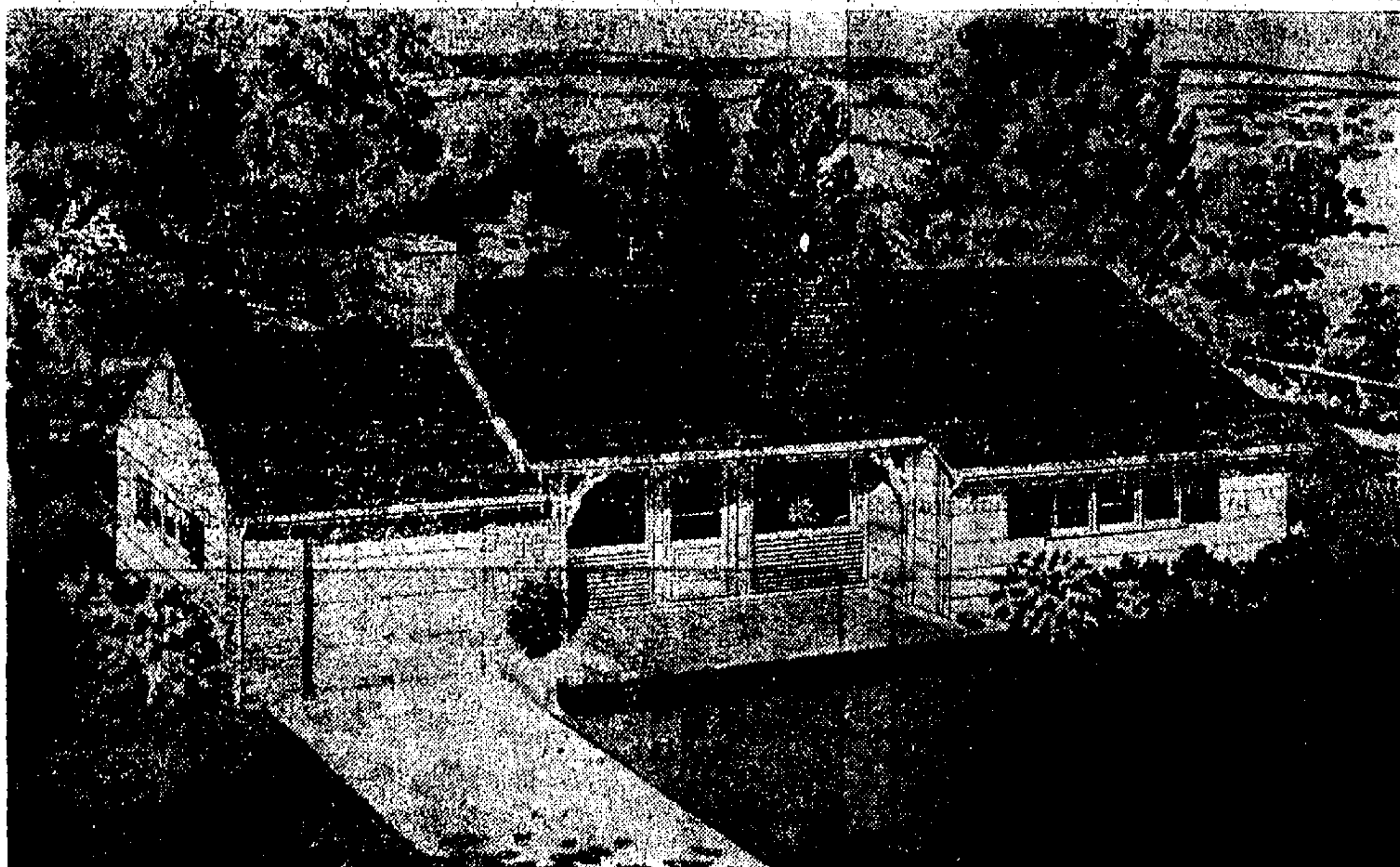
The kitchen is compactly set up to save steps. There's no drudgery for the homemaker who chooses this plan. Cabinets and appliances line two walls. The refrigerator is adjacent to the range, which is next to a large work area and the sink.

The bath, which has a linen storage unit conveniently nearby, is off a hallway leading to the two bedrooms. There's a good-sized storage cabinet in this hallway, too.

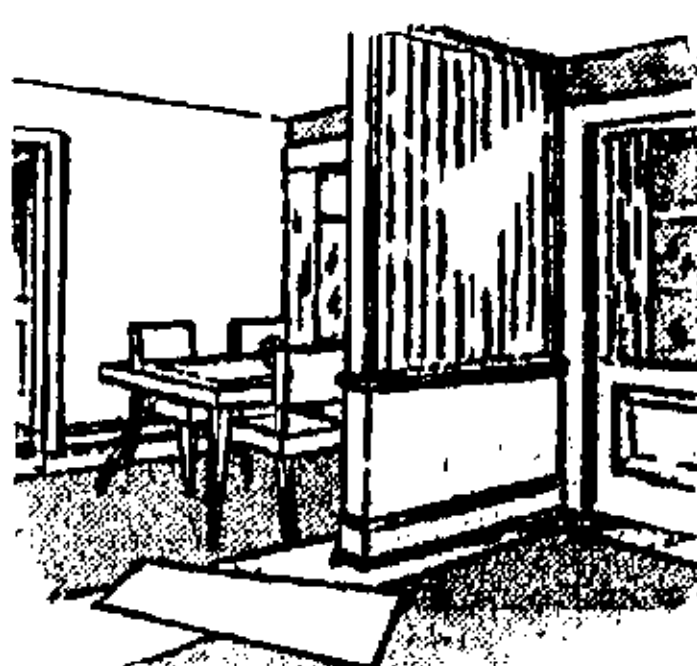
One of the bedrooms has three windows, which furnish a picture view of the front grounds of the house. The other bedroom, large enough to accommodate twin beds, has two windows designed to provide cross ventilation. Each room, of course, has its own closet and, in addition, there's a closet in the hallway that separates the rooms.

The garage is attached to the house and adds considerably to the exterior view. Its stone trim provides a pleasing contrast to the white frame construction.

The house comprises 17,833 cubic feet, the garage, 3,223 cubic feet.



THE ATTACHED GARAGE and the large open porch and terrace add appreciably to the interesting exterior of today's house and carry out the ranch effect. The basic construction of the exterior is frame, but the stone trim on the garage makes a pleasant contrast.



THIS IS THE dinette, the fifth room in a four-room house. A small partition does the trick.

HARMFUL OVER-DOSE OF A HARMLESS DRUG

By H. N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

PROPERLY used, aspirin is a helpful and harmless drug. Nevertheless, it is possible to abuse it and, when taken in excessively large amounts, it can be dangerous. It may produce permanent damage to the nervous system, or at times even cause death.

Since there is no antidote for an over-dose of aspirin, the only treatment for an over-dose is its rapid removal from the body. The fact that large quantities of aspirin may cause severe kidney damage may be a serious obstacle to any treatment, an additional reason for care in using the drug and for keeping it well out of the way of inquisitive youngsters.

Unindicated Usage

In addition to poisoning due to an over-dose, there is the possibility of developing a mild form of poisoning from the consistent, unindicated use of smaller quantities over a long period of time. A good many people develop this condition unawares.

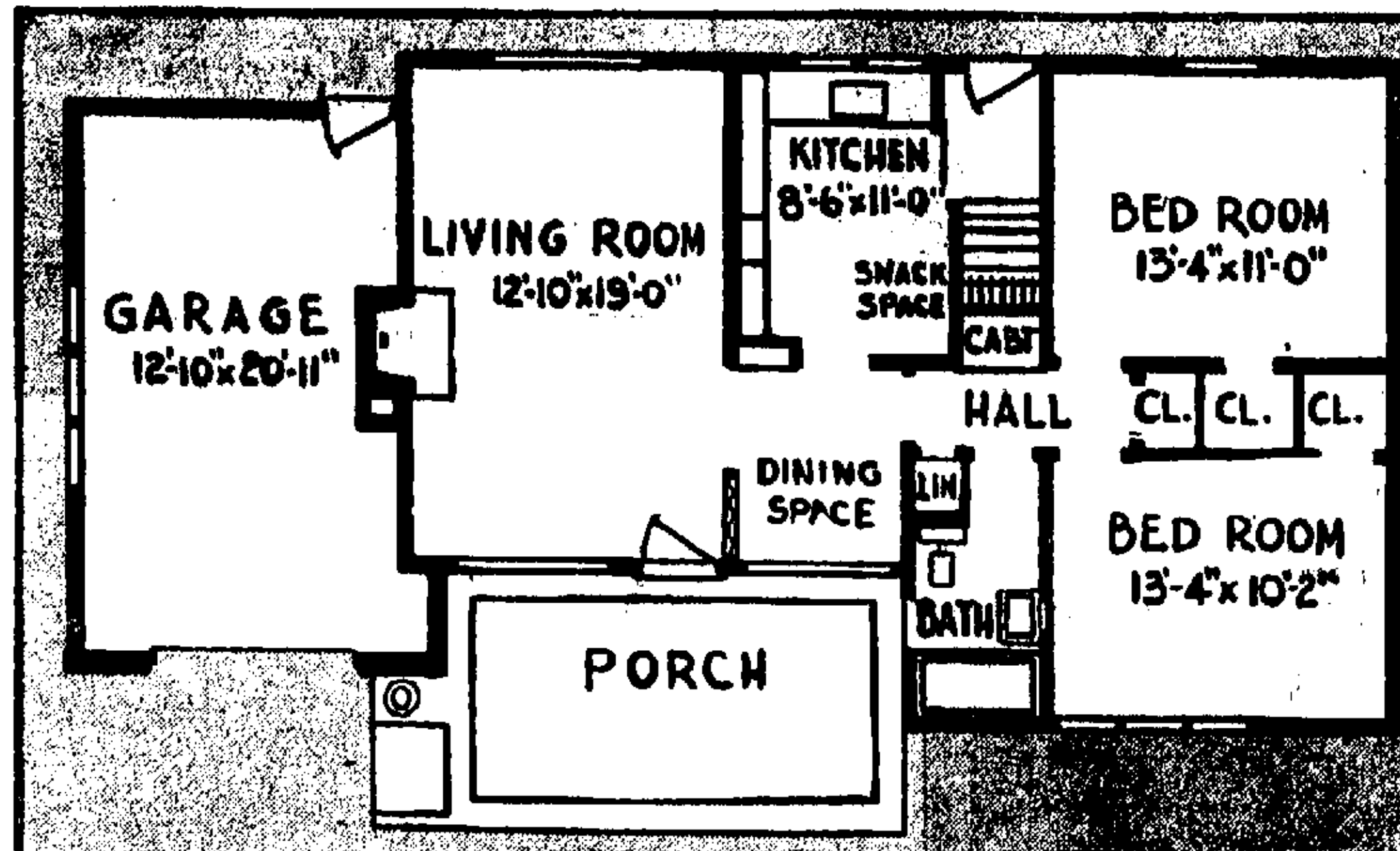
Some cases of unexplained nosebleeds may be due to this cause, the reason being that too much aspirin interferes with the clotting mechanisms of the blood, and thus makes the habitual user prone to hemorrhages. Other symptoms are ringing in the ears, partial deafness, and blurred vision.

In cases of acute aspirin poisoning, the immediate treatment consists in removing the aspirin from the body as soon as possible. This is usually done through a tube passed into the stomach by way of the nose. The stomach is then washed with either water or a weak baking soda solution, so that any dissolved aspirin may be eliminated. The patient is then given a large dose of a laxative, such as epsom salts. The purpose of this is to further hasten the elimination of any aspirin that might have passed from the stomach into the intestine before absorption into the system.

New Method

When a great deal of aspirin has already been absorbed, supportive methods should be used. These consist of the giving of fluids by injection into a vein, and the administration of oxygen and stimulants.

Recently, a new form of treatment has been devised. It has been discovered that a new apparatus, known as an artificial kidney, removes the aspirin from the blood much faster than does the normal kidney. It is suggested, therefore, that in cases of severe aspirin poisoning early use of this artificial kidney be tried.



PLANS PROVIDE for a living room that is quite large. It runs the depth of the house. There are picture windows at either end of the long room. Kitchen is modern and has a good-sized snack corner.

Three Meals From One Cut of Meat

By ALICE DENHOFF

MEAT prices and the price of food in general have made many of us overhaul our menu-planning techniques in order to get the utmost out of our purchases so we can give our families properly balanced, generous meals without too much corner-cutting.

One good technique is to buy a larger cut of meat and plan to use it for, say, three meals, without worrying about leftovers. The large cut is divided into three pieces of meat, each suitable for a different method of preparation, and each meal is fresh-cooked to the family's preference.

With Pork Shoulder

To show you what we mean, here is what was done with a whole fresh pork shoulder weighing something over six pounds. A pork shoulder butt has only one bone that extends only part way through the piece. Cut with a sharp knife to one side of the bone and divide the meat easily into two pieces. The piece with the bone makes a smaller, economical one-meal pork roast. The remaining piece of pork is a clean, solid meat. For the next fresh-cooked meal, cut boneless steaks about ½-inch thick. These may be cooked in many delicious ways, one of which is braised pork steaks.

To serve 4, brown 4 pork steaks well on both sides in a hot skillet, then place in shallow casserole. Arrange 2 sliced medium onions and 2 sliced tomatoes over steaks; sprinkle with a medium green pepper, chopped. Add 1 tsp. flour to fat in skillet. (If sufficient fat has not cooked out of the meat, add additional fat to blend with flour.) Add 1 tsp. each salt and chili powder. Blend in 1 c. water, and stir constantly until mixture comes to a boil. Pour over steaks, cover. Bake at 350 F. for 70 min.

The Third Meal

For the final meal of the pork shoulder trio of fresh-cooked meals, make a Pork Lentil Stew, good and hearty cold weather dish. For 4 servings, wash and pick over 1 c. dried lentils; add 1 qt. cold water, and soak 5 hours or overnight.

CHILLY days? But a baby's kitten-soft ears will be protected in this charming little pixie cap. And what a frame it makes for his dimpled face, too! Crochet it in contrasting colours from the simple instructions which follow:

Crocheted Baby's Pixie Cap

ABBREVIATIONS

st (s) stitch (es)
y o yarn over
ch chain
s c single crochet

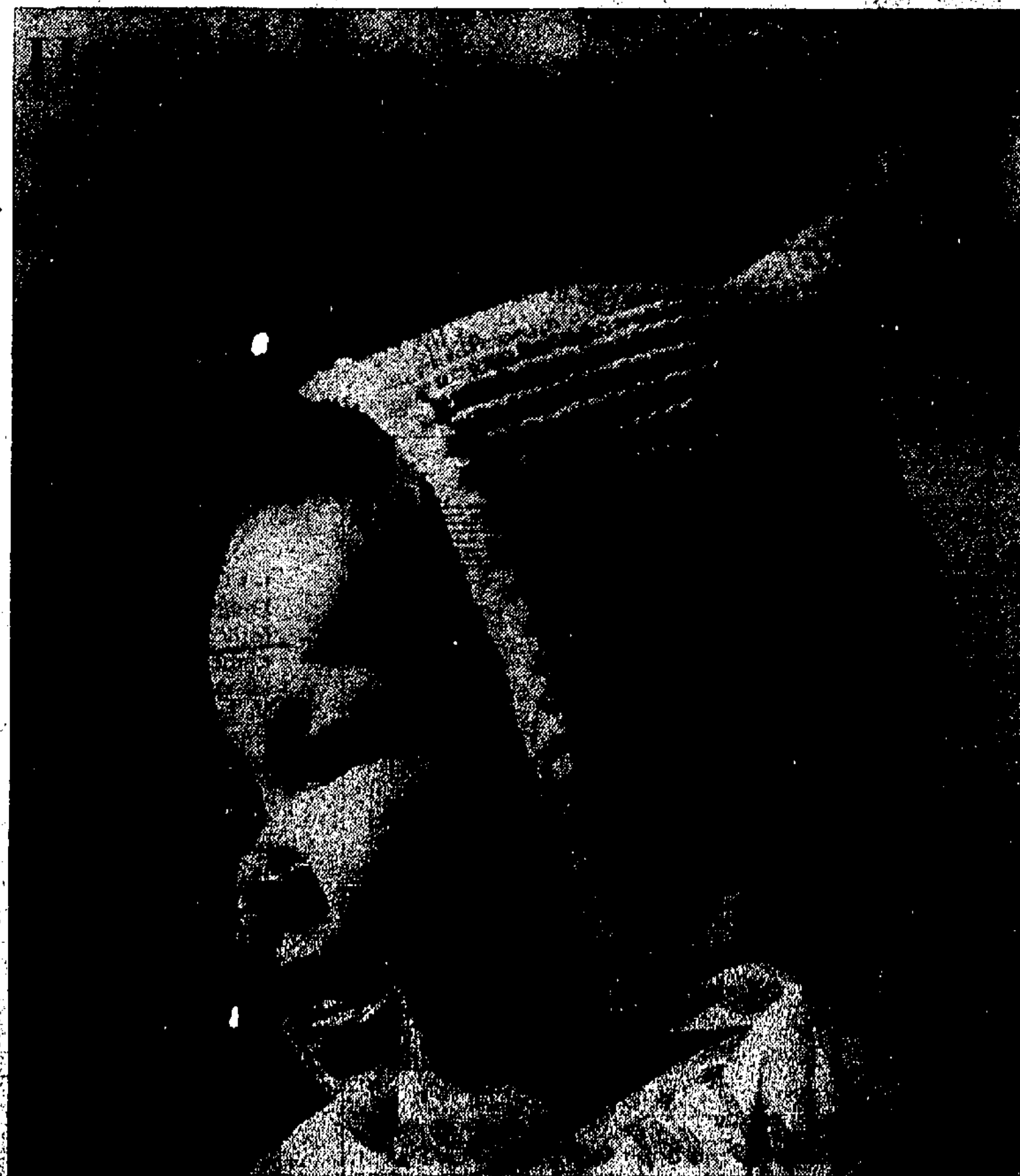
... this symbol indicates the directions immediately following are to be repeated a given number of times in addition to the original. "Work even" means to work without increasing or decreasing, keeping established pattern.

MATERIALS: BEAR BRAND or FLEISHER'S Wonderized Babyfair, Colour A, 1 ball, BUCILLA Wonderized-Handi-Wool, Colour B, 2 cards, BUCILLA Crochet Hook, Size 2.

GAUGE: 7 sts — 1 inch.

With colour A, ch 2. Work 3 sc in 2nd st from hook. **ROW 1** — Ch 1, turn, working through both loops, work 1 sc in first st; working in back loop only, work 3 in next st (an increase); working through both loops, work 1 sc in last st.

NOTE: Always work through both loops of first and last st and through back loop only of other sts.



At 1 sc in each of last 2 sts, both loops of st and weaving at for st on last row of each piece. **NECKBAND:** With A, from right side, on one free side, work 1 sc in end of each row; 82 sts. Ch 1, turn, working through both loops, work 1 sc in each of first 6 sts, * skip next st, 1 sc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * and last repeat 1 sc in each of last 6 sts; 89 sts. Ch 1, turn; 1 sc in each st. Repeat last row 3 times. **FACEBAND:** With A, from right side, work 1 sc in each of first 4 rows, * skip next row, 1 sc in each of next 8 rows; repeat from * and last repeat 1 sc in each of last 6 sts; 89 sts. Ch 1, turn; 1 sc in each st. Repeat last row 3 times. Turn back to work on faceband. With A, from right side, work 1 sc in each of first 4 rows, * skip next row, 1 sc in each of next 8 rows; repeat from * and last repeat 1 sc in each of last 6 sts; 89 sts. Ch 1, turn; 1 sc in each st. Repeat last row 3 times. Turn back to work on faceband.



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DEAR MOTHER

A few tips for the National Serviceman . . . on how to write a letter home . . . from Private Wheeler (of several wars ago)

THE LETTERS OF PRIVATE WHEELER, 1809-1828. Edited by B. H. Liddell Hart, Michael Joseph. 18s. 287 pages.

M^R AND M^RS WHEELER, of Bath, were probably worried when their boy "listed for a soldier. No doubt William had powerful motives for so rash an act. Patriotism? Love of a scrap? At 24 there can be other pressing reasons to seek distant scenes and the relative anonymity of a red coat.

Whatever they were, Private Wheeler of the 51st (now King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry) was the result. He was off to fight the Corsican Ogre and the letters he sent home reflect his desire to calm the anxieties he had left behind, while reporting faithfully what he saw.

He might fall into Continental ways, pick up with some foreign woman who would be no better than she should, he might lose his religion. His parents need not have worried.

Private Wheeler's letters breathe a strong insular pride, firm principles and firmer prejudices. On his way to Portugal he saw, in at least described,

the British Navy in an edifying Sunday mood, a sailor sitting on a gun, looking to his shipmates, while others less careless would be seen in some sequestered spot, offering up prayers and singing Hymns of praise to the Creator and Redeemer. Could he have painted a more convincing picture of his new environment?

"She has had a dozen husbands this campaign." It was an exaggeration. The poor woman was a widow for the third time since the battle of Vittoria, four months earlier.

Private Wheeler's education may have cost his parents little and his country nothing. But he is the master of a vigorous narrative style. His reading may not be extensive, but it includes Shakespeare, the Bible, and Tristram Shandy. Armed with these models he paints a vivid picture of war in the Peninsula and at Waterloo—and a lifelike portrait of himself, a self-respecting British soldier of hardy disposition and independent mind.

His letters, kept for 120 years in his family and first seen by an outside eye in 1948, have been most carefully edited and will now become a part of the British military classics.

When the British Army was welcomed in Madrid, Wheeler's prejudices were roused by "a custom, so un-English that I cannot but feel disgust now I am writing." It was he, as we are told by the note, "Then, breath was so highly repressed with garlick, their huge mustaches well stiffened with sweat, dust and snuff, it was like having a hair broom pushed into one's face."

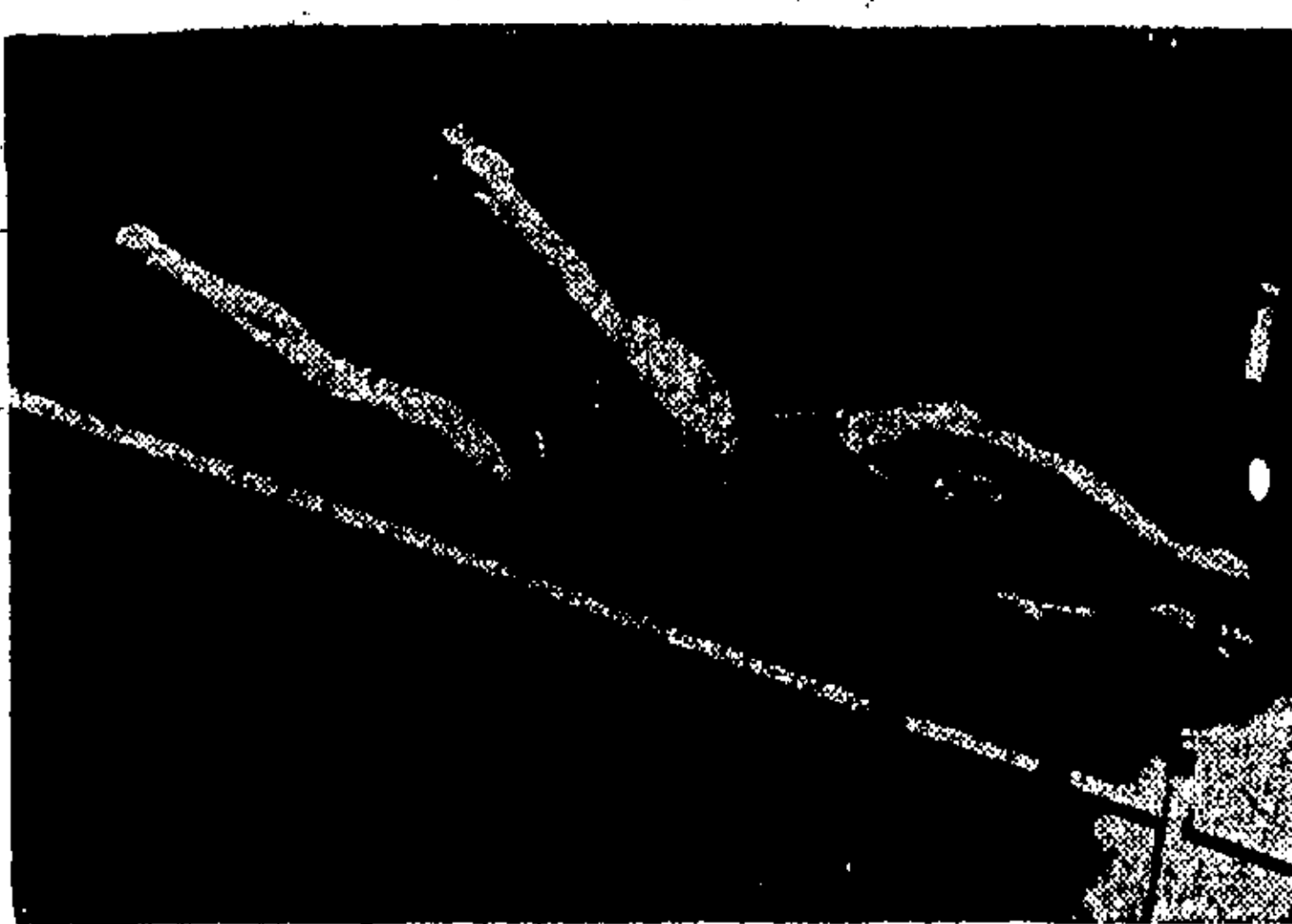
His story of the Battle of Waterloo is a model of military writing. "The three days' fight is over. I am safe, this is sufficient." There follows an ironic description of the French population greeting their new sovereign, Louis XVIII, "an old bloated peacock." Wheeler is an admirer of Napoleon; only British troops under Wellington could beat him.

An army composed of Wheeler's self-respecting, opinionated, adventurous yet canny, must certainly have been hard to beat. He could scarcely be persuaded to take a corporal's stripes, yet characteristically hints that in any other army but the British he would have been an officer.



—THIS DREAM MEANS:
The more unaccountable and incoherent a dream the deeper its sources in your unconscious and the more repressed the thoughts and emotions that now bob up into your dream life when your conscious mind is off guard. You are in a position (behind a bar) where you should be serving and considering others; instead, you press your wonderful personality. Someone registers dislike—you would like to interpret this as pure jealousy—and attempts to injure your "face," i.e., personality and prestige. When others realize it is you, they are indifferent. You are realizing slowly that you've been "shooting out your neck" and parading your personality instead of giving consideration to others. It shouldn't be difficult to deserve more friendliness.

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



If you like to shoot action pictures like this, a good camera for you would be one with a fast lens and shutter.

Choosing A Camera

FREQUENTLY I am asked "What sort of camera should I choose when I buy a new one?" Since the individual needs of camera fans are so different, this is quite a difficult question. So let's look at the problem and develop some general hints for those of you who are camera shopping.

First decide what is your aim in photography. Acceptable snapshots for your album? Or do you plan to enlarge most of your negatives? Are you interested in sports and action pictures, or colour transparencies for projection? And finally, how much money do you plan to spend? Ask yourself these questions, and you'll have a better idea of the type of camera that is best for you.

One of the most popular of all is the box type, with its simplicity and low cost. Beginners and casual photographers often go for this as it does a fine job for general purposes. From the box stage, many advance to the folding camera. This is a large family. There are folding cameras with almost box-camera simplicity, as well as those with the very finest lenses and shutters. They are noted

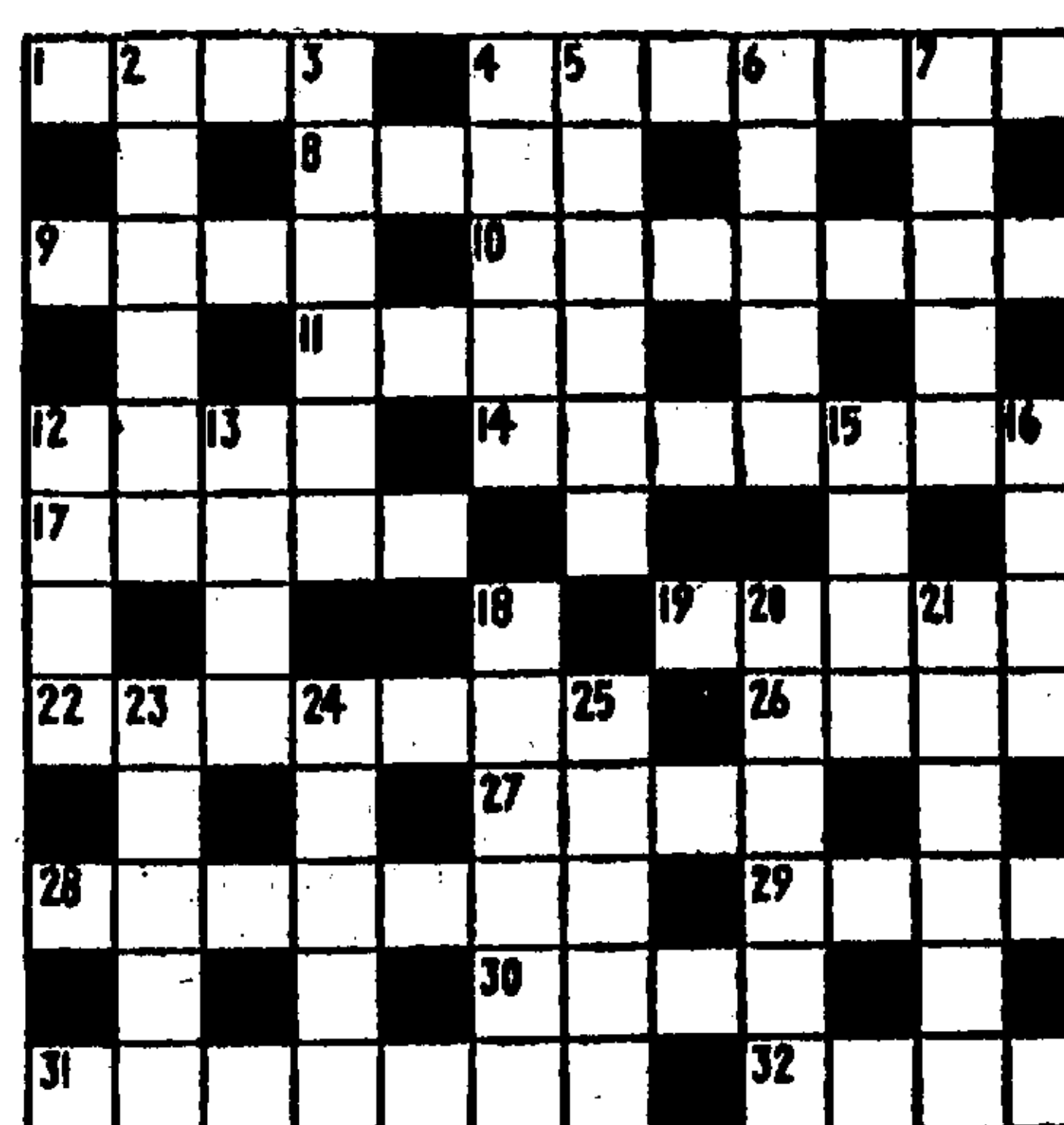
for their versatility as they have a wide range of picture taking possibilities.

A camera which has sprung into immense popularity recently is the reflex type. It features a large, picture size ground glass on which you view and focus, and many people favour it for this reason. There are inexpensive models for regular snapshotting, as well as fine, precision models for high quality work. Most specialised is the miniature type. Due to its small negative size, it is best for those who prefer to shoot colour transparencies, or plan to enlarge their black-and-white negatives. Many of the better types have very fast lenses and shutters, which make them excellent for action pictures and candid shots under poor lighting conditions.

These are the general types of camera. There are larger press makes and view cameras for more advanced use. In making your selection, analyse your needs; then figure your budget. See all the different models. From that point, you will have to be the judge.

—John van Guilder.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Sword (4).
- 4 Vegetables (7).
- 8 Den (4).
- 9 Liberate (4).
- 10 Remainder (7).
- 11 Cook (4).
- 12 Denomination (4).
- 14 Closely packed (7).
- 17 Gross (5).
- 19 Kind of leather (5).
- 22 Train (7).
- 26 Incur (4).
- 27 Booty (4).
- 28 High cleric (7).
- 29 Whirlpool (4).
- 30 Ireland (4).
- 31 Merchants (7).
- 32 Rank (4).

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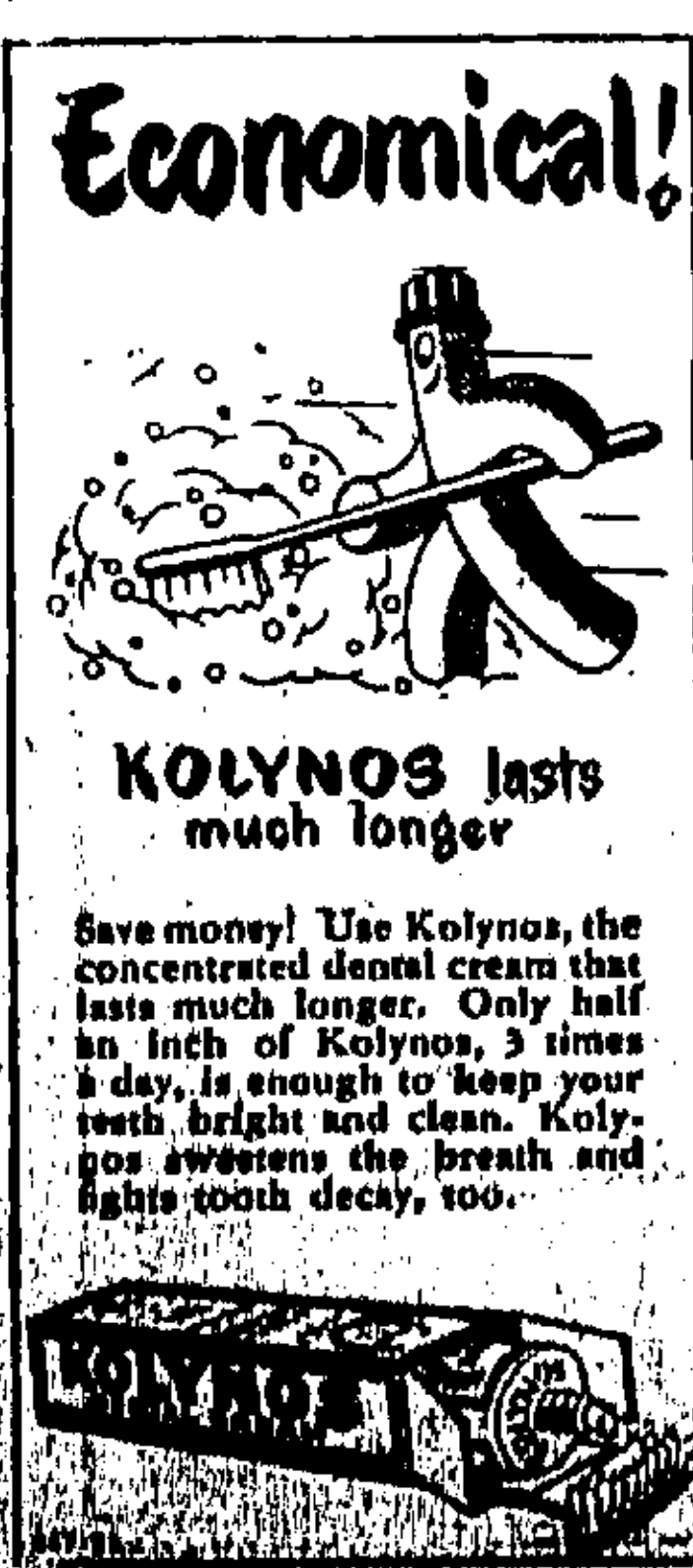
- 2 Carrier (6).
- 3 Chooses (6).
- 4 Ancestors (5).
- 5 Like better (6).
- 6 Willow (5).
- 7 Temporary cessation of fighting (5).
- 12 Blemish (4).
- 13 Throw (4).
- 15 Notion (4).
- 16 Exploit (4).
- 18 Assemble (6).
- 20 Pressing (6).
- 21 Cheat (6).
- 23 Mistake (5).
- 24 Loafed (5).
- 25 Jugs (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Odessa, 5 Adept, 8 Prime, 9 Concur, 10 Alive, 11 Rinse, 12 Sobs, 13 State, 16 Veneer, 18 Erased, 20 Nadir, 22 Diva, 23 Piety, 25 Rupee, 26 Laying, 27 Steer, 28 Petty, 29 Sneers. Down: 1 Occasion, 2 Ennobled, 3 Spur, 4 Arrives, 5 Amassed, 6 Delect, 7 Pivot, 14 Artifice, 15 Enlarges, 16 Variety, 17 Nestles, 19 Ripest, 21 Azure, 24 Yarn.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

Some More Optimists

By KEMP STARRETT



PANDAS WILL STAGE A LAST STAND AGAINST JAGUARS TOMORROW

By "GRANDSTAND"

With the Senior "A" Division pennant race nearing the wire, the Jaguars, who are now leading the pack, will meet a strong challenge at 11 a.m. tomorrow, when the Pandas, with only two more games outstanding, stage a last stand in the flag chase.

Owing to two postponements, the spare periods at King's Park tomorrow will see two exhibition tilts in which the Warriors and the US Navy, gunning for "B" Division honours, will meet two other "A" Division outfits, as a warm-up for their eventual clash.

In the Junior League, the Blackhawks, who are three full games ahead of the others, may expect a surprise from the Aces who are out to spoil the Hawks' record of 12 straight wins, while the Dodgers and Bantams stage their private cellar feud in the long awaited basement battle.

Fans can look forward to watching a hot and cold war between the Pandas and the Jaguars in a crucial game, with the latter, Jack W. Wei, of the Pandas, and Jaguar Victor Petrov, being matched against each other. Both these slubsters are known for their blaring fast pitches and hit in tomorrow's tilt will be as fast as their teeth.

Inasmuch as the Pandas are starting with four losses against their season's record, the Jaguars have only been humbled twice, but this is not going to deter Wally Mac from avenging a previous nose-out. Pandas fans are still gazing about how they were routed to a victory on a law call.

A Jaguar setback will place them in the same category as the Saints and Braves, who are only half a game behind, but a victory will consolidate their position as the pennant-fancied team. For the Pandas, a loss will mean curtains on another unsuccessful attempt.

The game should be fast with the out-of-lunging on a single break, for both fireballs are backed by tight fielding. Receiver for Petrov will probably be Tommy Erickson with Jack Brown stamping around first base and Gerry Langenberg at third.

The key-time duo should be Steven Xavier and Tony Silva, this pair having come up with some fine catches during the season. It is not likely that mentor Barnes will start with any other infielder, as this seems the strongest possible side for the impact game.

MAKE-OR-BREAK

Starting with a make-or-break determination, Panda mastermind Wally Mac will hold the windy-elles himself, flanked by Y. S. Liang and Willie Woo, while it seems that C. Y. Lu has staked a permanent claim on the initial station.

Peppery Raymond Tsao should be coach C. C. Leung's choice to back up Jackie Wei with his chatter behind the batter. The gardening trio of Y. Y. Liang, P. H. Lee and Tom Wei, besides being sure fielders, pack plenty of punch in their willow.

Umpire-in-Chief Don Robbins will handle the calls behind the plate with the assistance of base-callers Bill Doyle and Rene Sequiera.

After an absence of about three weeks, both the Madcaps and Canadians return to the diamond, with the former going all out to stay in the race on a mathematical chance, while the Canucks are determined to chalk up their first victory of the season.

This does not in any way mean that the Maple Leafers are not up to scratch, but they have been plagued by player truancy since the beginning of the season. Slugging first-sacker Bakar appeared on the scene after several setbacks, while mentor Bill Woo is never certain when he can field a full side of nine players.

With the recent addition of new strength, Bill's problem as far as players are concerned should not present any difficulty in the future, but whether they can dish out the old colourful play of the former champions or not remains to be seen.

Joey Grace and Kelly Silva-Netto will form the pitching staff of Buster Hollands' Madcaps, while Kassa Nazarin has been the mound mainstay for the Canticks for the past few seasons—and even pitched that side to a

championship four years ago. Although Kassa still possesses his control of the ball, his offerings lack sting in his appearances this year.

Matches are picked to emerge triumphant in this bout, but there is more than an outside chance of the Canucks hanging up their first win in a heart-pounding season.

The "B" Division Baseballers having with drawn from League competition, a friendly game between South China of the "A" Division and USS Albuquerque has been arranged for 3.30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

The Albuquerque outfit, who are representing the US Navy in the "B" Division, are now holding that section with a two-game lead over the Warriors, and should put up a good show against the Canadians.

SHOULD BE ABLE

In the morning, the Red Sox should be able to chalk up another win at the expense of the Dodgers, who have never yet been a threat to any team this year.

Whatever the outcome, the Dodgers are worth watching for their often heavy play, but then the whole gang of Fred Diesta's outfit are out for a good time.

They may not win games, but they have a certain amount of colour, and Tony Petrov at second base is a show all by himself.

The long awaited clash between the Dodgers and the Bantams will take place this afternoon at 2.00 p.m. and although these two outfits are well entrenched in the cellar of the minor league, they deserve a better position.

Both outfits, who started from scratch this year, have shown considerable improvement. This, however, has come about a bit late in the season, and their outstanding achievements were upstaged by the Dodgers over the Griffins and by the Bantams over Wildfires.

Fred Diesta and Les Castro are the opposing master-minders, and every trick will be brought out of the bag for this vital scuffle. Bantam moundsman Cooper has shown that he can really chuck them over the plate if he strikes form, while Litter-Lamb, Maw and Company have not been letting the side down.

For those who like a well-matched game without all the razzle-dazzle which is usually displayed by the diamond experts, this should be a good game to watch.

WORTH A STROLL

The other game which should also be worth a stroll out to King's Park will be the Blackhawks-Aces tussle, in which the latter in the role of underdogs will attempt to topple the League leaders in order to save what they can out of a lost cause.

The Hawks are favoured to take this game by those who are supposed to be in the know, but despite the low placing of the Aces on the League table, a surprise win by the Aces is not impossible.

The Dragons, who have been truant on several Saturdays, have requested that their games be re-scheduled for Sundays in order not to clash with their schooling schedule, and it is understood that the Association will meet their request.

Manager Frank Poon has submitted his line-up for future

ANOTHER VIEWPOINT



Garry Marsh, the stage and screen actor, who was in the long-run stage play, "Worm's Eye View," gets the low-down on a point of cricket during practice at the Sandham and Gover Indoor Cricket School from former Surrey player Andy Sandham. — Central Press Photo.

ALF GOVERS' CRICKET ACADEMY

Fast Bowling And The Art Of Swerve

Early in his cricket career the player must decide what type of bowler he is going to become. Frankly, I started as a fast bowler and was always regarded as one, but during my career I developed medium pace and off-spin bowling, depending on the type of wicket. The fast bowler, incidentally, must have determination, and always be at the peak of physical fitness.

The run up, as I have mentioned, depends on the individual. Its purpose is to obtain impetus with maximum speed and momentum from the arm at the moment of delivery. Although I do not advise too long a run, it is bad practice to take a short run resulting in loss of speed at the wicket.

I teach my pupils to start by taking three steps up to the wicket at first, then gradually increase the number of paces until a comfortable run-up is found.

HURRYING THE BATSMAN

The pitch for the fast bowler will vary according to the pace of the wicket. On the fast wicket the ball can be pitched shorter than on the slow wicket. This brings me to the question of the short pitched bumper or bouncer—quite legitimate tactics.

The bumper can intimidate even the best of batsmen, and although I am not in favour of continued bumpers at the batsman's body the odd bumper, although it may not take a wicket, will get the batsman looking out for it, and consequently upset him.

The aim of fast bowling is to make the batsman hurry his stroke. The majority of balls you bowl should be of a length just short of a half volley, except when the ball is new, and therefore swerving. You should then endeavour to make the batsman play forward. Reverting to the bumper again, be careful not to bowl them to the batsman who is a good hooker.

I remember the first time I played for Surrey against Patsy Hendren. I met him in the dressing room just before the game and Patsy, being a kindly fellow, had a word with the new Surrey bowler. He remarked that he had heard I was pretty fast and hoped I wouldn't bowl short at him as he wasn't so young as he used to be.

When he came in to bat I was bowling, so of course I gave him a bouncer. To my astonishment he hooked it square for four. I tried three more thinking it must be luck on his part but they were all well and truly despatched to the boundary, the

last for a huge six. Jack Hobbs walked over to me at the end of the over and asked "Why are you bowling short at Patsy?" "Well," I replied, "He is frightened of fast bowling." "Whoever told you that?" Jack snorted.

"He did," I said, pointing at Patsy. "You should know better," replied Jack. "Patsy is the best hooker in the game, and not only that, he is the biggest kisser, too!"

I never bowled another short one to Patsy in all the years that we played together.

The field placing for the fast bowler will depend on the pace of the wicket. Obviously on a fast wicket you will need more fielders behind the wicket than on the slower pitch, when you are keeping the ball up to the batsman.

The normal field for the fast bowler consists of two slips, gully, third man, cover point, mid off, mid on, square leg, and long leg. And having in mind that the fast bowler is the shock part of the attack it is essential to keep the batsman playing at the ball. In other words, attack the batsman. The medium pace, or stock bowler will do the defensive stuff for your side.

OUTSWING BOWLING

In the Lord's Test v New Zealand in 1949 I saw England's opening bowlers with the second new ball bowl eight over each with the batsman only having to play at one ball per over. A famous Test fast bowler of the past, now settled in Australia, remarked, "These two bowlers should be shot." He was right!

Fast bowlers will normally be outswinging bowlers, that is, the ball that swerves toward the off. I say this because the mechanics of inswinging bowling are against body swing, and it is this particular movement that makes the real fast bowler.

Swerve bowling is so called because the ball swerves in the air and off the pitch. Many great brains have pondered over the problem of why a ball swerves; but swing it does, and I only intend in this article to show you how to bowl the outswinger.

WELL ROUND

At this moment the trunk should be turned well round so that the left shoulder is pointing to leg slip. The left foot is brought down across the right foot, so that the left side of the body is turned to a point outside the leg stump.

The bowling arm must be brought across the body in a downward movement, and follows the left arm round the left side of the body. When bowling the outswinger, you will find it helps, providing the ball is swung reasonably well, to bowl the occasional ball from the extreme edge of the bowling crease. This, of course, will vary your line of trajectory.

When the shine goes off the ball, and it begins to lose its swing, bowl from as near the stumps as possible. And remember, keep the ball well up to the batsman as long as the ball is swinging slightly. Ramnath Divecha, the Oxford Blue and Indian cricketer, came to me in 1948, prior to going up to Oxford University, as an inswinger. I changed him to an outswinger by simply making him arch his back and bring his left side round at the point of delivery in the manner I have shown. The results are now well known, and include his splendid performance for the Gents v Players, and his six wickets for Oxford v Cambridge at Lord's this year.

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Warrior Against Pain

By LEE PRIESTLEY

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Next morning the world's first painless dentist was dead, a suicide. And for the first time anesthesia had served Dr. Horace Wells. He had used chloroform to cause his own death.

Treasure Of Sultans

By JAY HOLDING

NOT long ago members of the Turkish government inspected a real treasure, more fabulous and breath-taking than all the gems of the Arabian Nights and Ali Baba—the massive collection of precious jewelry which formerly belonged to the Sultans of the old Turkish Empire.

Following the Turkish revolution during the First World War, the Sultan was deposed by Mustafa Kemal Pasha—who is looked upon as Turkey's George Washington—and most of the immense properties were taken over by the new government.

Turkish law requires that the treasure be inspected from time to time, to make certain that none of it is missing. It is kept under constant guard in the strong-rooms of the Ministry of Finance, in the capital city of Ankara.

STRANGE as it may seem, the recent inspection was delayed for some time because one of the most important keys had been mislaid. However, all was well for the key was soon found, and the treasure was opened to view—and what a treasure!

The most impressive single jewel was a famous emerald, an unbelievably precious gem weighing seven pounds. How or when it was obtained by the Sultan is not known—nor is it known from where the monstrous stone was mined. It has been certified as a true emerald by expert jewelers and, in the opinion of the Turkish government, it is a bargain at 125 million U.S. dollars.

Also in the collection are two other emeralds, which are so much smaller in comparison that it seems hardly worthwhile mentioning them, as one weighs ONLY two and a half pounds, and the other being an absurd little stone weighing just half a pound.

Rupert and the Lion Rock—37



Buttercup's Curious Appetite

—She Was a Bear, But Acted More Like a Pig!—

By MAX TRELL

"MR PUNCH," said Hanid, the shadow-girl with the turned-about name, as she and her brother Knarf came up to the chair in which Mr Punch was sitting, "didn't you once have a pet bear?"

"Named Buttercup?" said Knarf.

Mr Punch, who had his spectacles pushed up over his forehead, his hands folded over his stomach, and his eyes closed, suddenly sat up and smiled.

"Why, yes," he said. "I certainly did have a pet bear and her name was Buttercup. It's been many, many years since I last saw her. I do hope she's well. But," he added with a sigh, "she ate so many curious things that I don't see how she can be well."

"What curious things?" asked Knarf.

"Well," said Mr Punch to Knarf, "if you were hungry and asked for a plate of soup, you'd eat the soup, wouldn't you?"

"Yes," said Knarf.

"Now, if little Buttercup asked for a plate of soup," said Mr Punch, "she'd really mean exactly what she said. She'd eat the whole plate of soup—the soup and the plate. She might also eat the spoon, the napkin, the tablecloth and anything else lying around, such as the salt and pepper, the cups and saucers, the bowl of sugar and perhaps (if they stayed long enough) all the rest of the people at the table. She was a very hungry bear."

"Was she always hungry?"

"Only between meals," said Mr Punch. "I once saw her eating a pickle fence. And on one very cold day in winter, I saw her licking all the snow off the top of a hill. Naturally, she caught a cold. I had to put her to bed at once and call a doctor."

"My goodness," said Hanid, "was she sick for long?"

"Big Jar of Pills"

Mr Punch shook his head. "Not for very long. I called the doctor and he gave her a big jar of pills to be taken one every hour. She swallowed them all at once, jar and all. She almost ate the doctor. Then she ate the bed. From then on she felt well again."

"How could she eat so much?" asked Knarf.

Mr Punch replied: "I don't know. I often wondered myself. I decided to send her to school. I thought if she went to school, she would learn to have some manners and, although she was a bear, learn not to act like such a pig." Mr Punch sighed. "It did no good."

Knarf and Hanid wanted to know what happened after little Buttercup went to school. "She didn't behave herself at



The first day at school, Buttercup ate several spelling books.

all, he said. "The first day she went to school, she ate several spelling books and nibbled quite a bit of the blackboard. She also ate all the chalk, all the pencils, all the paper and drank a gallon of ink."

"My, she certainly was naughty!" said Hanid.

"Several Desks"

"That's what little Buttercup's teacher thought," said Mr Punch. "The second day in school she ate several desks, all the pictures, and she finished nibbling the blackboard. She accidentally pushed against the front of the school on her way out to lunch and she pushed the school over. After that she didn't go to school any more."

"I bet she was glad," said Knarf.

"No, I wouldn't say that," said Mr Punch. "She stayed in the house for a long time after that, just moping around. She almost lost her whole appetite, too. In a whole month, I don't think she ate any more than a thin geography book and one of my overcoats. Finally, when I came down one morning, I found that she had gone away."

Mr Punch looked very sad. "In spite of everything," he said after a few minutes of silence, "I was sorry to lose little Buttercup. It's true she almost ate me out of house and home but there never was such a friendly, lovable bear. She ate lots of things."

"But," said Mr Punch, and he smiled, "she never ate me!"

CROSSWORD

To help you with this crossword puzzle, our artist has lettered the name of Czechoslovakia's capital.



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- Scatter
- Ran
- Indian weight
- Compass point
- Symbol for tantalum
- English princess
- Circlet
- Reprint (ab.)
- Conducted
- Shoshonean Indian
- Railroad bridges
- Seasoned

Down

- Lancers
- Through
- Railroad (ab.)
- Each (ab.)
- Solar disk
- Abandoned
- Hot kiln
- From
- Article
- No good (ab.)
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